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Subject: SpringDell Farm and Firearms Bylaw

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Dear Members of the Planning Board

Please forward to all members of the Planning Board

I am writing a quick message in support of Jamie Cruz and her proposed composting farm. Agricultural land must be protected whenever possible. We have a local farmer that is dedicated to her farm and her land, but she needs an additional revenue stream.

I asked a lifelong friend of mine, whose family owns and operates the longest running composting farm in RI, for a couple "bullet points" I could mention in support of Jamie's project. She said that the list of why composting is important is so long, she couldn't narrow it down, but that simply put, we can no longer just dig into the ground and plant food. We need compost to be able to grow things.

Jamie's proposal will help her achieve revenue in the short term, while adding additional farm land in the long term. We see what she has already done with her property; the beautiful store showcasing local vendors, story hours on the farm, family BBQ and music nights. This is the type of hard work and ingenuity that ought to be encouraged. With this proposal, we not only maintain current agricultural land, but will be increasing the farmable land at SpringDell over time. Please support this project.

Secondly, thank you for your work on the Firearms Bylaw. I support the Bylaw as written, but would like to ensure that there are no collaborations between dealers--that only one dealer with one license may operate as a business. I would hope the community can vote on this bylaw quickly, not only for own town, but so that other communities can follow our lead, making Massachusetts safer.

I also hope the Planning Board supports Mr. Lupoli and his proposed plans for the Mill. If too many restrictions are placed on the sale, we risk the Mill being sold to a buyer that will keep the gun stores. We are in a housing crunch in Massachusetts, we need options beyond McMansions being built on farmland. Please support his purchase.

Thank you for all you are doing, your hard work is not unnoticed!!

Kindly

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