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Cc: Jamie - SpringDell Farm
Subject: Special Permit

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Dear Littleton Planning Board Members:

I am writing in support of Springdell Farms in their application for a special permit. This family, this farm and this piece of land has been an important part of the lives of my family since the 1920s when my family bought land on nearby Lost Lake in Groton. Back in the days before Donelan's, I-495 and the tremendous growth that this area has seen, we were customers of Springdell who provided us the food we needed to manage at our then summer cottage. Six generations later, my family and my cousins are still customers of this irreplaceable family farm. As a boy, I can remember coming around the bend on Route 119 and seeing the welcoming sight of Springdell, only four miles from our summer home. The Theodoros family were always welcoming, warm and friendly. They were not just providing my family with food lovingly grown in their fields, but they became our friends as well. I clearly remember Ms. Cruz's great grandparents.

Going to Springdell Farm was not like going to the store; it was a wonderful experience of visiting friends and buying our groceries. This tradition has continued down to the present day. Farming is exhausting work and requires a love and devotion to the land we rarely see these days.

The plan to reclaim this land is outstanding and will allow Springdell to sustain many more families who look to the ever decreasing number of farms to supply them with fresh fruit, vegetables and other items.

In a time of disappearing farms, Springdell is a blessing. Their plan to sustain themselves by expanding their operations is welcoming news. As a representative of my whole family, I heartily endorse this plan and hope the Littleton Planning Board will as well.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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