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Dear House of Ag Committee,

I'm Keltsey Rushton. I am currently a junior at the University of Vermont (UVM). Being part of the 2+2 program, has given me many opportunities and a well-rounded education that I wouldn't otherwise be able to experience. One of those opportunity is going to UVM. UVM has presented me with many challenges and great opportunities. Being a small-town farm kid the transition into the city of Burlington came with a lot of cultural changes. But I have gotten to see life more from a consumer's prospective and gain knowledge that happens beyond the farm. I have realized how important being a farmer is today and that telling your story and getting people connected is utmost important. In the future, I hope to have the opportunity to continue farming with my family or on my own and continue connecting people to agriculture. Thank you all for making this opportunity possible and giving us continued support throughout our years in the 2+2 program.

Thank you,

Keltsey Rushton