

Dear Ms. Bothfeld and the House Ag Committee,

Thank you all for this great opportunity to further my education in agriculture. The 2+2 program has been a great experience so far. At VTC I took classes that were agriculture based, such as Animal Nutrition and Reproduction. I enjoyed these classes since they were small in size and allowed me to interact with my professors and my classmates. Many of the classes were hands-on and I was able to learn by doing. My two years at VTC prepared me for UVM both socially and academically. Initially I dreaded the transition, but it turned out to be easier than I expected. In part, the transition was made easier by taking a class with both of my advisors in the first semester at UVM. I became comfortable with both of them and they were available to assist with me with any questions that I had. So far, my classes at UVM have been a little more science based. Some of my favorites have been Biology, Animal Welfare, and Farm to Table. Although I find them challenging, I enjoy these classes. Currently I am taking Biology 2, Genetics, and I recently completed a Bovine Reproduction course. These are very important classes for me as I plan to manage my family's Vermont dairy farm after graduation.

Sincerely,

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