

Submitter: Michel Bryant

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2979

Dear Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Wildfire:

My name is Michel Bryant. I'm an owner of Bryant Family Farm in Albany. We raise 19 variety of blueberries on 2.5 acres & hay on another 2 acres. Climate directly affects our farm each year. We received a Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience grant for \$9,475.00 which enabled us to update our irrigation well in May of 2024. The well was initially placed in 1981, since then technology has improved and become much more efficient. Updating our system allowed for more water to be pumped more competently, providing cool water to the blueberry plants during the hot month of July, while also lowering energy costs. This funding has been so valuable because this past summer our blueberry plants did very well while some farms suffered substantial losses due to the extreme heat. We truly appreciate the grant and it will benefit our farm for many many years to come.

Please support HB 2979 to renew funding for this valuable program.

Thank you,

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