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Honorable Members of the Common Council
City of Danbury, Connecticut

Re: Taylor Farm
Conservation Easement

Dear Common Council Members:

Over the last several months we have been exploring ways to insure the permanent preservation of the Taylor Farm in the Great Plain District of Danbury, one of the last remaining examples of our local agricultural heritage. As you know, Don Taylor has offered to give the city a conservation easement covering the farm, if a fair price could be agreed upon.

Since the council last discussed this proposal, the General Assembly has expanded the existing Open Space grant program under the Department of Environmental Protection and also created an Agricultural Land acquisition loan program under the purview of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Please authorize my office to apply for any grant or loan funds that may be available under either of these programs so that we may preserve the Taylor Farm for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor