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To: the Joint Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
From: MA Farm Bureau Federation
RE: HB 268 and HB 240 both entitled An Act relative to the milk producers' security fund reimbursement

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau is the largest farm organization in the Commonwealth representing over 6,000 members and their families. On behalf of our members we would like to express our strong support for HB 268 and HB 240, both of which are entitled An Act relative to the milk producers' security fund reimbursement.

Dairy farmers have paid a significant amount of money into this fund. While the state stopped collecting funding, the size of the account has continued to grow. At present, the amount of money in the fund is far more than is necessary in order for the fund to meet its intended function. As such, it is only fair that excess funding be returned to the producer who paid into it.

MA Farm Bureau does believe that some money does need to remain in the fund. As such, we prefer HB 240.

We urge the Committee to report favorably on a single version of these two bills.

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