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April 20, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for Hmong farmers in Saint Paul. I am concerned about the implications of Council Member Thao's amendment on the livelihoods of Hmong farmers in our neighborhood and suggest that the Council consider a cap of 3 trucks registered to an address, rather than the proposed 1.

As Executive Director of Frogtown Farm, a non-profit organization that leases land purchased in partnership with the City of Saint Paul for an urban demonstration farm, I am grateful for the vision and support of the city in recognizing the importance of locally grown food. I ask that the city extend this support to Hmong farmers in our neighborhood who bring local foods to market and support their families.

Please feel free to call me with any questions, (651) 600-3414.

With My Sincere Appreciation,

Frogtown Farm is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency supported by individuals, public institutions, businesses and foundations.

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