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Dear PURA,

My name is Jonathan Arredondo-Calle, and I operate Freedom Farm Homestead Inc., a veteran-owned Connecticut farm. I am writing to oppose additional electric rate increases that would place even more financial pressure on small farms.

Farms depend on electricity for refrigeration and freezers, poultry and livestock equipment, irrigation, lighting, water systems, and other essential operations. As we continue expanding our farm, these costs are already significant, and another rate increase would directly increase the cost of producing local food.

Small farms already operate on tight margins. Higher utility costs ultimately make it harder to invest in equipment, expand production, hire help, and keep locally produced food affordable for Connecticut families.

I respectfully ask PURA to carefully consider the impact of this proposed increase on Connecticut farmers and other small agricultural businesses before approving any additional rate increases.

Thank you for allowing farmers to have a voice in this process.

Sincerely,
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