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RESOLUTION NO. 05-014

Chairperson Okino and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Resolution No. 05-014, urging the Mayor to provide funds and resources to combat agriculture theft. This resolution recommends that necessary resources be made available to all city programs to strengthen enforcement of laws against agricultural theft and contribute to the efforts to end agricultural theft. The department supports this resolution

The theft of agricultural commodities, equipment and supplies is an on-going problem throughout the state, generating industry-wide losses estimated to be in the millions and extensive personal frustration and hardship. Farmers indicate that such thefts range in value from less than one hundred dollars into the thousands.

This resolution offers renewed hope that the resources will be available to support the enforcement of the laws against agricultural theft and contribute to the efforts to end agricultural theft. The department stands willing to partner with the City and County to address this pressing issue.