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Dear Members of Farm Credit East,

As I approach the beginning of another farming season, the end of my third term as director on the Farm Credit East Board, and being on the cusp of turning 50, I reflect on my years of farming and my endeavors on behalf of farmers.

### **Farm Credit East**

Twelve years ago, I first ran for election for the Farm Credit East Board of Directors, eager to contribute to the organization. The association's membership saw something in me and gave me the opportunity to serve. I am humbled by this honor, and can offer that I have given my best effort to contribute all I could. I have taken every opportunity to increase my education in order to offer more back to the association, including completing the Premier Governance Training. I have served on the Governance and Stewardship, Audit, Business Risk, and Executive Committees, in addition to chairing the Governance and Stewardship Committee for four years. I have served two years on the CoBank Nominating committee and was recently re-elected for another term. This past year I was elected by my fellow Board of Directors to the Farm Credit Council, the national trade association for the farm credit system. I look forward to offering my service on a national scale.

### **Jones Family Farms and Winery**

Since returning to the farm after graduating from Cornell, I worked with my family to continue to grow and diversify our farm. With support from Farm Credit East, in the past twelve years we have further increased our landholdings, added a greenhouse operation, and improved the infrastructure of our farm. I lead an incredible team of over 175 full-time and seasonal employees dedicated to our farm's success. With over 100,000 visitors to our farm each year, we endeavor to educate our guests about the realities of farming today.

Land stewardship is a north star for us. Our farm's mission comes from words of my great, great, great grandfather: "Be good to the land and the land will be good to you." In 2024, our farm was honored to receive the Leopold Award for New England for our conservation efforts.

### **My Family**

I'm blessed to have my parents Terry and Jean still healthy and active in supporting the farm. My wife Christiana is essential in managing the retail operations of the farm. Our three children, the seventh generation, are interested in a future on the farm. Jackson is studying sustainable agriculture at the University of New Hampshire; Sam is studying agricultural mechanics at SUNY Cobleskill; and Juliet is enrolled at the Trumbull Agri-Science High School. Without their support, my service to Farm Credit East would not be possible.

Thank you for your participation in the Farm Credit East election process. Your input is vital to creating a healthy and dynamic Board of Directors that guide the strategic direction of OUR association. I appreciate your consideration of my candidacy and the opportunity to continue my efforts to work on behalf of all farmers.

All my best,

Jamie Jones