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For too many decades, the focus has been on the sheer quantity and cheapness of the food supply. Government policies promoted "get big or get out," encouraged corporate consolidation, and gave little to no consideration to questions of resiliency. COVID provided a glimpse into the results of this approach. We have further seen the results in the 2021 winter storms and the current inflation and shortages. For basic necessities of life, such as food, we need to prioritize long-term sustainability, security, and resiliency. The Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance thus supports HB 3323 to help develop a stronger, more reliable food system for Texans.