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## Dear Legislators

Please create this Department of Agriculture. Let's make hay from climate change by getting our lands in order to produce food and materials for value-added economies and a higher prospect of some self-sufficiency. Every state developed from an agricultural base and it's incredible that Alaska has limped along for decades without a tool like its own DEPARTMENT of Agriculture.

You won't need to create Rep Holland's Department of Entrepreneurship since a growing Agricultural sector will have niches aplenty for entrepreneurs.

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