

Sample Letter: Family Farms

Your Name
Address
City, State. Zip Code

[Insert Date]

Dear Senator [Insert *Vance* or *Brown*],

My name is [Insert Name] and I reside in [Insert Town and State]. I am a member of [Insert Congregation or phrase to fit your organization and state that you are a constituent]. As a person of faith (identify specific faith tradition), we are committed to loving and feeding our neighbor, but we cannot do it alone. We regularly collaborate with (insert local non-profits, food banks/pantries, family farms or experience working with local farming communities, and examples of ministries.)

I am writing to ask you to improve our Nation's commitment to improving the livelihood of family farms in not only the United States, but in Ohio. The farm bill should strengthen communities with farm to fork investments and put choice back into the hands of the people by:

- Helping farmers reach new markets through outreach, cost-share, and technical assistance programs.
- Increasing access to fresh, healthy, local food among low-income groups and communities in need.
- Developing new and strengthening existing infrastructure that connects producers to consumers.

By helping to connect the dots between producers and local customers (including individuals, institutions, and others along the farm to fork pipeline), Congress can generate wins that equally benefit farmers and eaters, as well as rural and urban communities.

I appreciate your time and consideration in strengthening conservation efforts in the 2023 Farm Bill. I look forward to continuing these conversations in the future.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

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[Insert Name]