Subject: REQUEST FOR IN-DISTRICT MEETING

Dear [NAME OF YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS]:

I am one of your constituents and am writing to request an in-district meeting.

Members of my community and I would like to speak with you regarding organic farming and our policy priorities.

Organic is the fastest-growing sector of the U.S. agriculture system and plays a critical role in fighting climate change. A diverse ecological systems approach is the foundation of an organic farm because it not only builds carbon in soil and vegetation but also builds resilience for the farm and its host ecosystem in the face of climate change and other disruptions.

Organic farming presents a climate solution. Last year, disruptions caused by the pandemic placed the agriculture system under extreme stress. While conventional supply chains experienced major disruptions, many organic farmers were able to quickly adjust to public health restrictions that affected where and how they market their products and challenges faced by their workforce, coming up with creative solutions that allowed them to feed their communities.

We would like to speak with you about organic farming as a solution to climate change, support for the organic cost share program to reduce farmers’ barriers to organic certification, and swift finalization of the Strengthening Organic Enforcement rule to ensure the USDA has the authority to stop organic fraud at the border.

We are available to meet with you in your [NAME OF CITY] office on [MONTH DAY or DAY] at your convenience. If you are unavailable on both dates, we would be happy to work with your office to schedule another time to meet.

Please let me know what works best for you. My contact information follows below.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME

YOUR FARM NAME

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS]