

Farm to School Action Alert!



Dear Representative _____:

I am a constituent in your district and I am writing to ask that you support \$50 million (over five years) in mandatory funding for farm to school programs in the upcoming Child Nutrition Reauthorization. Farm to school programs increase nutrition quality in school meals by providing healthier options in the school cafeteria. Additionally, farm to school programs provide important experiential learning opportunities, new markets for local farmers, and the ability to strengthen local economies and create jobs.

A well-conceived, robustly funded reauthorization bill can reduce hunger and food insecurity in America, help reduce childhood overweight and obesity, improve child nutrition and health, and enhance child development and school readiness.

The President, as you know, has proposed an additional \$1 billion per year to start down the path of eliminating childhood hunger by the year 2015. Given the recent USDA reports showing an increase in the number of children who are “food insecure,” the child nutrition programs will need all of that \$1 billion, and then some, to respond to the current emergency.

(Writer explains why farm to school programs are important in your community in a short paragraph)

I would like to ask that you support Representative Rush Holt’s bill, which will provide \$50 million (over five years) in mandatory funding for a competitive grant program for farm to school projects.

Thank you very much for your time. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

(Name & Address)