

The Honorable Rep. _____
House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative _____:

I join California FarmLink in asking you to support an appropriation for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Individual Development Account (IDA) Pilot Program, as authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. This program will help committed beginning farmers build successful local enterprises by providing matching funds for farmers' savings, as well as training and technical assistance.

We urge you to champion an appropriation for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Individual Development Account Pilot Program which is modeled after a successful program started in California. The program represents an exciting partnership between private farmers, banks and local non-profits, and will help us build a thriving future of family farming.

Please keep me informed of your efforts to fund this crucial program.

Yours,

The Honorable Senator Barbara Boxer
Hart Senate Office Building Ste. 112
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

Thank you for providing leadership in support of beginning farmers and ranchers in the 2008 Farm Bill.

I join California FarmLink in asking you now to support an appropriation for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Individual Development Account (IDA) Pilot Program, as authorized in your Farm Bill. This program will help committed beginning farmers build successful local enterprises by providing matching funds for farmers' savings, as well as training and technical assistance. Modeled after a successful program started in California, it represents an exciting partnership between private farmers, banks and local non-profits.

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The Honorable Senator Diane Feinstein
Hart Senate Office Building, Ste. 331
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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