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Dear Representative:

Michigan Farm Bureau encourages you to sign onto the Flexibility to Farm Act, introduced by Representative Tim Walberg. The legislation speaks to some of the challenges Michigan farmers continue to have with the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act. The ever changing regulations make it difficult to farm with certainty. The regulations also have a heavy cost with limited benefit to farmers and consumers.

It is very important to know that agriculture supports clean air and clean water. Without both they wouldn't be able to produce the food necessary to feed a growing world. Today's farmers are able to feed more than 155 people per farmer, up from about 26 in 1960. Farmers have increased production while lowering inputs and improving conservation practices.

Rep. Walberg's legislation allows each individual state to determine if regulations associated with the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act have a significant adverse effect on farmers. This isn't eliminating regulations, but making sure regulations that are in place balance cost and benefit.

Thank you for considering co-sponsoring the Flexibility to Farm Act.

Sincerely,



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