

Letters to the Legislators

We encourage you to mail your letter in green envelopes. And if your child is writing one or can include a coloring page (we will be offering some, stay tuned) or a drawing made by your child to go along with your letter. These letters are just templates and can be personalized and adjusted how you see fit. We do recommend keeping in mind to communicate respectfully and from the heart.

Children's Letters

Letters to Local Leadership

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[City, State, ZIP Code]

[Date]

Dear [Local Leader's Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am [Your Age] years old. I'm writing to you because I'm worried that the new Farm Bill might take away your ability to protect kids like me. I've learned that some parts of the bill could give control over decisions about pesticides and our health to people far away in Washington, D.C. That doesn't seem right to me.

I want to be able to trust my parents, my teachers, and leaders like you to keep me safe. You know what's best for our community because you live here with us. It makes me feel scared to think that people who don't know us, our schools, or the places we play could make decisions that affect my health.

Please, help protect kids like me by making sure you and other local leaders have the power to decide what's safe for us. I feel much safer knowing that the people close to me are in charge, and I hope you can do something to stop this part of the Farm Bill from passing.

Thank you so much for listening to me. I know you care about our community, and I hope you'll think of us when you talk about this issue.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

H.R.8467 - Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024

Section 10204 – Liability Protections for Pesticide Makers

Section 50301 – Preemption of Local Authority

Section 30402 – Streamlining Environmental Reviews

Section 40208 – Limitations on State Autonomy in Environmental Regulations

Section 60107 – Oversight of Chemical Usage in Agriculture

Letter to legislator

[Your Name]

[Your Address]
[City, State, ZIP Code]
[Date]

Dear [Legislator's Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am [Your Age] years old. I'm writing to you because I'm really worried about how pesticides might hurt kids like me. I love playing outside, eating healthy food, and I want to grow up strong. But if companies that make pesticides don't have to take responsibility when their products make people sick, it feels like my health and safety aren't being protected.

I want to live in a world where the food we eat and the places we play are safe. I think it's important that companies be held responsible for what they make, especially if it hurts people, animals, or the environment.

I also believe that people who live near me—like my parents, my mayor, and my city council—should help make decisions that keep us healthy. It scares me to think that decisions about things that affect my health, like pesticides, might be taken away from local leaders and given to people far away in Washington, D.C.

Please stand up for kids like me and make sure that the Farm Bill helps protect my health. I hope you'll think about us when you're voting.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

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Letter for Constituents to Write to Federal Legislators:

Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding Provisions in the 2024 Farm Bill

Dear [Legislator's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. As a concerned constituent, I am writing to express my deep concerns about certain provisions in the 2024 Farm Bill, particularly those related to pesticide regulations and liability protections for corporations like Bayer.

The proposed measures in this bill, which aim to establish federal uniformity in pesticide labeling and shield companies from liability if they adhere to EPA-approved labels, raise serious concerns for the health and safety of our communities. While I understand the importance of supporting our agricultural industry, these provisions seem to prioritize corporate interests over the well-being of the American people and the environment.

As a leader who values limited government intervention and states' rights, I urge you to consider the implications of overriding state regulations that might impose stricter safety standards for pesticides. States have historically acted as laboratories for innovation in public health and safety, and removing their ability to enforce more rigorous protections could have dire consequences for the people you represent.

Moreover, by shielding companies from accountability, we risk sending a message that corporate profits are more important than the health of our citizens. This approach could lead to increased pesticide use, exposing more people to potentially harmful chemicals without proper recourse.

I respectfully ask you to oppose these provisions in the Farm Bill and advocate for a balanced approach that protects both our agricultural interests and the health and safety of the American public. Ensuring that companies remain accountable for the impacts of their products is essential to maintaining trust in our government and its commitment to the well-being of its citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[Your City, State, ZIP]
[Your Email Address]

Letter for Local and State Leaders Addressing Concerns Over Loss of Local Control:

Subject: Protect Local Control Over Pesticide Regulations in the 2024 Farm Bill

Dear [Local Leader's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. As a concerned citizen and a member of our local community, I am reaching out to express my deep concerns about certain provisions in the 2024 Farm Bill, specifically those that could strip local and state governments of their authority to regulate pesticide use and enforce stricter safety standards.

The proposed bill includes language that seeks to centralize control over pesticide regulations at the federal level, limiting the power of local governments to protect their communities from harmful chemicals. This shift could undermine the ability of local leaders like you—who know and understand the unique needs of our community—to enforce stronger environmental and health protections.

Local governments have always played a crucial role in safeguarding public health by tailoring policies to address specific regional concerns. Allowing Washington, D.C., to dictate uniform standards without the flexibility for local adaptation could put our health at risk. This is especially important as companies like Bayer, with significant influence over federal regulations, stand to benefit from such centralized control.

As someone who cares deeply about the health and well-being of our community, I urge you to take a stand against these provisions and advocate for the preservation of local control. Your leadership on this issue will help ensure that we retain the ability to protect our residents, particularly our children, from harmful pesticide exposure.

Thank you for your dedication to our community, and I hope you will speak out against any provisions in the Farm Bill that would limit local authority in these critical matters.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[Your City, State, ZIP]
[Your Email Address]