



## Sample Letter to the Editor: From Farmers

To the Editor:

As a lifelong family farmer, I've paid for decades into checkoff programs that tax us for every cow, pig, egg, peanut and even Christmas tree sold in the nation. This money then goes to bureaucrats in the capitol and Washington, D.C., and they use this money in order to fight for international markets, "free trade," and lower standards that hurt American agriculture.

I'm writing because we need to make sure our money is actually going to help *all* farmers, not just the special interests. We need the people in Washington, D.C. to listen to us for a change and pass the checkoff program reform bill sponsored by Senator Mike Lee and Cory Booker that would restore accountability to a fundamentally unjust system. **MEMBER OF CONGRESS** should to support this bill and protect those investments.

Every product I sell takes away some of my financial freedom against my will. I am calling for justice for the little guy and gal, and more freedom for all.

Sincerely,

**NAME**