

(Your Name)
(Your Address)
(Your City, State Zip)

(Month Day, Year)

The Honorable (Your District Representative: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>)

Rm. (Number), (Name) House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for H.R. 7883, the Agricultural Fairs Rescue Act

Dear Representative (Last Name),

I live in your District and own a standardbred racing agribusiness in Ohio. The County Fair system is an integral part of the Ohio Agricultural landscape and standardbred horse racing in Ohio. Ohio's standardbred horsemen traverse the State and race at 67 of Ohio's county fairs for 141 live days of racing yearly.

COVID-19 is not only a health threat to the State of Ohio, but also a significant threat to the fiscal health and welfare of the Ohio County Fair system. With significant restrictions on spectators and Orders from Governor DeWine that have erased the fairs in Ohio, the significant revenue needed for ongoing and continuing operations has been severely strained. We have seen first-hand how valiantly mostly-volunteer Fair Boards have tried to plan, then re-organize again to accommodate additional restrictions on their operations, and plan again this year. In the end those plans have led to restrictions that have left 2020 Ohio County Fairs with the ability to host a Junior Fair and 4H with significant adaptations, bare-bones concessions, and standardbred racing without spectators. The loss to many agribusinesses is significant.

It is with this background that I am writing to you today to ask that you sign on as a co-sponsor and support H.R. 7883. H.R. 7883 would provide \$500 million in Agricultural Fair Rescue Grants to state, county, and local agricultural fairs that promote agribusiness products or expand agricultural markets through conservation programs, agricultural research, educational programs, or other events that encourage agriculture, horticulture, and the domestic arts.

The funding would provide much needed grants to states or state departments of agriculture based on the loss of attendance fairs have experienced in 2020 when compared to 2019. Those that have faced the greatest financial hardship would receive priority.

To become a co-sponsor of H.R. 7883, you may contact, Mark Dennin in Congressman Jimmy Panetta's office: mark.dennin@mail.house.gov, or Ben Elleson in Congressman Billy Long's office: ben.elleson@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your continued support.
(Space for Your Signature)

(Name)