IFYE First and Last Name

Your address

City, State, Zip

Today’s Date

Honorable (Congressman or Senator’s Name)

D.C. Street address

Washington, D. C., (Zip)

Dear Representative/Senator Smith,

RE: In support of Young Adult International Agricultural Exchange Immersion Program

I am writing today to urge your support of including a line item in the 2023 Farm Bill under Title III, TRADE, Subtitle C – Other Agricultural Trade Laws, that would provide funding for international programs in agriculture for young adults. This recognition and funding in the Farm Bill would be available to organizations that are recognized by having an established Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with USDA and experience in implementing young adult international programs focused on building agricultural trade education, cultural understanding, and the value of diversity for future agriculture leaders.

In addition, I urge that this funding be authorized under the Farm Bill appropriations measure in the amount of $2 million for each of the fiscal years 2023-2027.

I am an exchange program alum who traveled to (insert host country, year(s) and home state(s) under the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. (IFYE) program, formerly known as the International Farm Youth Exchange ™. I understand the value of providing an international exchange experience to today’s young adults who are focused on agricultural careers so they may be better equipped to function in a global economy. (Insert an extra line if you are living in a state other than the one you went from.

The IFYE experience is unique because one actually lives and works beside host families in rural areas as a member of the family for true cultural immersion. In today’s troubled world, our program motto, “Peace Through Understanding,” provides hope for a better tomorrow as participants have these one-on-one experiences with families and gain an appreciation for new and exciting cultures.

*(Writer can add a short paragraph here describing their personal experiences while on their IFYE exchange and then a paragraph on how they have used this experience in their personal life – i.e., teaching a foreign language, going on trade missions, mission projects, working for FAS, USAID, or other global organizations. \*It is extremely important to keep to one page total on this letter.\**

I thank you for your consideration of this new proposed language and the appropriations to make this type of international program to support future agricultural leaders possible in the 2023 Farm Bill. If I can be of any further assistance or provide you or your staff with additional information, please contact me at the email and phone number listed below.

Sincerely,

(Signature or type name to email)

Name

Email address

Phone number