

____ February 2026

Committee on Agriculture
United States House of Representatives

RE: International Agriculture Cultural Immersion and Exchange Program (IFYE)

For 78 years the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. (originally International Farm Youth Exchange) has delivered life-changing knowledge and experiences for thousands of young adults. Today's economy demands the U.S. ag industry—from producers to leadership—understand how world needs and markets affect our communities, states and country.

COVID-19 disrupted our program and those of our global partners. Since resuming the exchanges in 2022, increased travel and associated expenses have negatively impacted our finances, especially because we rely on private donations from alumni, individuals and foundations.

Along with previous unenacted versions of the latest Farm Bill, the House's just released version of the Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026 again includes a line item providing funds for the International Agriculture Cultural Immersion and Exchange Program for young adults.

IFYE's Board of Directors and committees have worked tirelessly with members of House and Senate Agriculture Committees to secure these funds under Title III.

I'm an IFYE who traveled from _____ to _____ in _____. My multi-month experience enabled me to live and work with (mostly) rural host families in a true immersive experience. That greater understanding of other cultures and agricultural economies has allowed me to better contribute here at home throughout my adult career. With your help, more of today's young adults will have that same opportunity.

Since 2022 the IFYE program has received bipartisan support from House Agriculture Committee members. Please continue to do so as the process of enacting the 2026 Farm Bill proceeds.

Kindly contact me with any questions. I thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

____ Your Name
____ Email Address
____ Phone Number