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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):

COVID-19 has impacted industries across the U.S. and the fair industry has not been spared. Fairs across the country have had no choice but to cancel their annual events. These annual events provide important stimuli to the local, regional, and state economies. In addition, fairs provide millions of dollars in scholarships to youth around the country.

Despite the recent setbacks, fairs have offered their grounds for a wide array of community services including COVID-19 testing, blood drives, and drive-thru markets. This is not unusual for fairs, as they are a reflection of the community and help when called upon.

(Add how COVID-19 has affected your fair/organization here.)

The Agricultural Fairs Rescue Act (H.R. 7883), a bi-partisan legislation, would provide grant funding to rescue fair organizations:

* This bill provides $500 million in Agricultural Fair Rescue Grants to agricultural fairs, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service.
* AMS will provide the grant funding to states or state departments of agriculture based on the loss of attendance those fairs have experienced in 2020 when compared to 2019.
* The states or state department will then be required to make grants to fairs, prioritizing those that have faced the greatest financial hardship.
* Grants must be used to assist fairs to continue events that are drivers and promoters of agribusiness.
* Eligible fairs are local, county, or state fairs that help farmers promote their products or expand agricultural markets through conservation programs, agricultural research, educational programs, or other events that encourage agriculture, horticulture, and the domestic arts.

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)