

Sample Phone Script

Hello,

My name is _____, and I am from _____.

I am calling because I'm very concerned about how climate change is threatening farmers' livelihoods and global food security. This is a serious problem, but between sequestering carbon in the soil, reducing on-farm greenhouse gas emissions, and producing renewable energy, farmers can play an important role in mitigation and adaptation – and strong climate policy can help fully realize that potential.

I would encourage (Senator or Representative) _____ to ensure that farmers like me have the tools and resources we need to implement climate-smart practices. While those practices offer many environmental and financial benefits, they often require a great deal of time, upfront investment, and expertise. To help us overcome these barriers, we need legislators to develop **voluntary, incentive-based conservation programs and market initiatives** that work for operations of all types and sizes.

There are several bills that will help achieve this goal, including the **Growing Climate Solution Act**. Currently, there is no uniformity among carbon markets, which can make it confusing to figure out which one to pick. By establishing a certification program for third-party verifiers and technical service providers that help farmers earn carbon credits, this bill would clear up that confusion and make it easier to participate in carbon markets.

Another bill I urge you to support is the **Agriculture Resilience Act**, which would help move the agriculture sector to net-zero carbon emissions by 2040. To do this, the legislation would strengthen climate research and outreach, invest in on-farm energy production, reduce food waste, and promote climate-smart farming practices.

The only way these and other initiatives can be successful is if there's enough funding and personnel behind them. In this year's appropriations process, I ask that you ensure there are sufficient NRCS field staff to provide technical assistance to farmers and ranchers by providing at least **\$1.1 billion for Conservation Technical Assistance**. Additionally, you should provide assistance to livestock producers seeking to implement climate smart practices on their land by funding **the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) at the authorized level of \$60 million**.

I will pay close attention to whether or not (Senator/Representative) _____ supports policy measures that help farmers mitigate and adapt to climate change. Please keep me up to date on (his/her) efforts. Thank you for your time and consideration.