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The Honorable Secretary Hilda Solis
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Secretary Solis:

During our time as colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives I felt we had a productive working relationship, and I look forward to continuing that relationship in regards to the proposed child farm labor rules. In September of 2011 the Department of Labor proposed new child labor rules that will fundamentally alter the family farm. I have already expressed my substantive concerns to you in a December 19, 2011 letter. Now, I'd like to personally show you the practical effects these regulations will have on our treasured way of life. It is my pleasure to invite you to Kansas so you can meet the hard-working farmers and ranchers that will be directly impacted by these proposed rules.

I believe it is critically important for you to see first-hand the far-reaching impact these rules will have on American agriculture. Each time Congress considers the Farm Bill, the Senate and House Agriculture Committees conduct field hearings across the country to better understand how its proposals will affect the ability of farmers and ranchers to continue to produce a safe, secure, and affordable food supply. Because the Department's proposed rule changes will have such far reaching consequences on their livelihoods, Kansans would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and share their story. In the words of Kansas' favorite son, Dwight D. Eisenhower, "Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field."

In addition to you personally visiting Kansas, I would also appreciate the opportunity to sit down and share my reservations about these rules. This visit can be scheduled at your convenience.

My staff stands ready to help coordinate your visit to Kansas. Thank you for considering my invitation.

Very truly yours,



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