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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary of Agriculture
1280 Maryland Ave SE
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Dear Secretary Perdue,

On behalf of the hardworking American farmers and producers in Northwest and West Central Ohio, I am writing to alert you to the severe, and unprecedented rainfall impacting farmers in our region. As a result, the vast majority of farmers are unable to plant their crops this season.

Over the last several weeks my office has spoken to countless farmers and producers worried about the inevitable loss in crops this season. I share their concerns and I am deeply worried about the impact this weather will have on the livelihood of farmers and the entire region. As the United States Department of Agriculture begins to review the situation in our region of Ohio, I urge you to approve an agriculture disaster declaration and continue to support American farmers through this difficult time.

I am proud to represent the largest agriculture income producing district in the State of Ohio and this is a critical issue for farmers and producers in the region. I hope you will give the agricultural disaster declaration for Ohio serious consideration and use all means within your power to ease the current uncertainty.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Latta

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