

A MESSAGE FOR YOUR LAWMAKERS

To help stress the importance of meaningful reform to secure a workforce for the dairy community, it is important to reach out to your members of Congress as soon as possible.

In communicating with lawmakers:

- 1) Make sure the AG Act is on the radar of your representatives and senators.
- 2) Personalize your message. Lawmakers need to hear about how you, your family and your business are directly affected.
- 3) Thank them for taking an interest and listening to your concerns.

Here is a sample message:

I'm calling to urge Representative/Senator (name) to take an interest in and support Representative Goodlatte's Agricultural Guestworker Act, known as the AG Act, in order to move this important discussion forward.

Finding and maintaining a sustainable rural workforce to staff our dairy farms is becoming increasingly dire. (Opportunity to personalize with the situation on your farm.)

The AG Act is important to dairy farmers because it addresses two of our top concerns: retaining our current employees and creating opportunities to attract new foreign-born employees. We must work toward the sort of comprehensive solution that the AG Act would provide. The future of the dairy community and economy depends on it.