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Dear Members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the members of the Ohio Soybean Association, I am writing to ask that you support efforts to include farm disaster aid and economic assistance to farmers in the continuing resolution being considered in Congress.

We have shared with you over the last several months that inflation, historically high input prices and falling commodity prices have created a challenging farm economy for Ohio soybean growers. Soybean prices have dropped 40 percent over the past two years. Compounded by an already insufficient farm safety net, this has made it increasingly difficult for farming operations to remain viable.

Most of Ohio also suffered from drought conditions this growing season. In southern Ohio, the drought was the worst in memory for many farmers and was followed by heavy rains from the remnants of Hurricane Helene that damaged soybean crops.

The disaster aid and economic assistance proposed earlier this week is vitally important to the viability of our farms in Ohio and may be the difference for some in keeping or losing their operation.

Both the President and President-Elect have acknowledged the need for this type of assistance. Farmers in Ohio need you to put aside partisan differences and pass a continuing resolution that includes assistance for our agriculture community.

Respectfully,

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President Ohio Soybean Association