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Join the Congressional Soils Caucus

Dear Colleague:

We would like to invite you to join the Congressional Soils Caucus (CSC). The CSC is dedicated to heightening the awareness and appreciation for the importance of soils and soil science among Members and the public. It is also an opportunity to promote proper soil management and conservation to ensure the continued production of high quality and abundant food, feed, fiber, and fuel.

We believe that in order to preserve U.S. agriculture and safeguard America's economic prosperity, Members of Congress and their staffs must be better educated on the importance of our nation's soils, soil science, and research.

We have established four goals we would like to achieve as a caucus:

1. Increase support in Congress for the importance of soils and soil science through education and communication of contemporary issues in soil science.
2. Identify and prioritize soil research and education needs critical to advancing soil science to solve problems related to world food security, natural resource and environmental protection, and land use.
3. Provide information to assist in crafting agriculture policy and other research and education initiatives.
4. Enhance connection and interaction among public and private organizations and local, state and federal officials.

We would appreciate your participation in the Congressional Soils Caucus. For more information, or to join the caucus, please contact Emily Clark in Representative Latham's office at 5-5476 or emily.clark@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

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