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Senator Dave Schatz
201 W. Capitol Ave
Room 326
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Senator Caleb Rowden
201 W. Capitol Ave.
Room 320
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Senators,

I write to you today about a critically important issue. Our members believe in maintaining strong rural representation in Missouri's Congressional delegation. Loss of rural representation could weaken our communities and harm rural residents. We must not let this happen.

Missouri Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization, with over 143,000 member families throughout every part of the state. We are committed to ensuring that rural Missourians' voices are strongly represented in Washington, D.C. For many years, rural Missouri has been blessed with robust representation and strong leaders. These leaders have shown they understand the importance of agriculture, our state's number-one industry. They know and appreciate the people and communities of rural Missouri and why they matter to our state as a whole.

Efforts to dilute the impact of rural representation run counter to our state's best interests. When rural Missouri is strong, our entire state is strong. Our citizens are best served when their Congressional districts reflect their local communities. We strongly encourage you to consider these factors as you conduct your work to update our Congressional maps this legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Garrett Hawkins
President
Missouri Farm Bureau

cc: Senator Mike Bernskoetter, Chairman, Select Committee on Redistricting