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OUTREACH SCRIPTS:

LEGISLATOR LETTER/EMAIL/VOICEMAIL TEMPLATE

COPY AND PASTE THE BELOW TEMPLATE AND THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR STATE'S REPRESENTATIVE INTO AN EMAIL AND SEND TO ANYONE IN YOUR NETWORK WHO AGREES TO TAKE ACTION.

****If the people you are contacting do not live in one of the states represented on the agriculture committee, have them contact Amy Klobuchar and delete or edit the highlighted sentences in the template****

Dear [Your Senator]:

I know that you are committed to creating a food and farming system that works for all of us and protects our climate. I am reaching out now because the Trump Administration is planning to hold a confirmation hearing for Agriculture Secretary Nominee Brooke Rollins before the end of the month.

Ms. Rollins is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of the America First Policy Institute (AFPI), which has been described as the “second Trump administration in waiting.” Rollins’ agricultural policy record is minimal and her qualifications for the appointment are unclear. We understand that you are juggling many requests, but it is important to me that your office gets Rollins on record about her plans for the USDA at her confirmation hearing. As your constituent, I need to know how she plans to support small and midsize farms in our district, and if she is willing to create an Office of Small Farms within the U.S. government.

Many of the recommendations that the Equity Commission released last year require legislative action. The creation of an Office of Small Farms, however, is within the control of the next Secretary of Agriculture, and would help end the exclusion of small and midsize producers from accessing the USDA programs and services they need to survive and thrive.

We are in a time of climate crisis as life-threatening fires ravage our country, with farmers on the frontline. We need to support small and midsize producers in their efforts to help protect our climate and grow healthy foods now more than ever.

I urge you to ask Ms. Rollins these three questions at her confirmation hearing:

- 1.) Under your leadership, how will USDA work to protect, support, and improve access for small farms, beginning and young farmers, and other farmers who have been historically underserved and faced discrimination?
- 2.) What qualifications do you believe are necessary in a candidate for Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at USDA? How will you improve the discrimination complaints process at the Department?
- 3.) Will you create an office of Small Farms? If not, why not?

Thank you for your service, and for taking this action for all of us here in your state.

Sincerely,

[Name]

Credentials/Title

TEXT MESSAGE SAMPLE FOR OUTREACH TO YOUR NETWORK --

Hello, this is [Name] and I need help with a campaign I'm working on! I found out that the Trump administration nominated someone, Brooke Rollins, with very little food and ag experience as Secretary of Agriculture. The appointment is going to happen before the end of the month! Meanwhile, I'm struggling with the high price of healthy food and know that the USDA favoring big farms and corporations is a major cause of the problem. I'm worried that Brooke Rollins doesn't have enough experience or political will to fix this. I thought this info would worry you, too.

Rollins and the USDA she will lead have the power to right these wrongs by opening an Office of Small Farms, but they won't do it without pressure. Can you join me in sending a letter to our Senators now to ask about her plans for small and underserved farms at her appointment hearing this month?

GRASSROOTS TRAINING EVALUATION LINK:

Please take a moment to complete the [training evaluation here](#)

BREAKOUT ROOMS:

- Introductions (your location, pronouns, what drew you to attending this training today)? **(5 mins.)**
- Take some time to help each other finish up your lists, and make sure everyone in your group has 5-7 people to contact in their network. Use these questions to support each other **(5 mins.):**
 - What has your experience been like creating the list?
 - Does anyone have experience asking their personal network to take action on an issue you care about previously? What was the effect of doing so on that relationship?
- Next step: Are there 2 people willing to model/role play the organizing conversation? If so, those 2 folks will model the conversation, and then get some feedback from the observers. If no one is willing to volunteer, move down to the next bullet point **(10 mins.)**
 - As a reminder, here are the steps to an organizing conversation:
 - Lean on your relationship!
 - What's your stake?
 - What's their stake?
 - Agitate!
 - Share a solution.
 - Ask for action.
- If there's time (and more people willing to try the organizing conversation out), switch! If not, or if no one is willing to try role playing an organizing conversation, here are additional discussion questions:

- How can an organizing conversation help us all process this political moment and prepare for action?
- What makes you most nervous about facilitating an organizing conversation? Does anyone in your breakout room share your concerns, or have tips?
- What excites you about using your scientific expertise and credentials to take political action? What gives you pause?
- How do you want to see scientists taking the lead in grassroots organizing right now?
- Why can scientists be particularly powerful changemakers? What do you think stops most scientists from taking political action or voting?