February 21, 2017

Dear State Rep. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the Healthy Food for Ohio (HFFO) program in the Biennial Budget.

This program received funding in the last Biennial Budget and was launched in March 2016. It has already used the state investment to leverage additional funding at a ratio of 5:1 and funded five sustainable, community-driven, job-creating, healthy food access retail projects in areas that need them most. The current projects span from Vinton County to Toledo to Cleveland and have provided more than 35,000 Ohioans with fresh, affordable food and are creating an estimated 114 full-time jobs and 17 construction jobs. With this healthy food access, HFFO is enabling people to live healthier, longer, and free of chronic disease with reduced health expenditures, including within Medicaid.

I ask for your support in continuing funding for HFFO because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(ADD ONE SENTENCE ON WHY IMPORTANT TO YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

NAME

ORGANIZATION

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