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Dear Colleague:

We are writing to formally invite you to join us as a charter member of the Congressional Chicken Caucus. This bipartisan group will consist of members devoted to the various issues affecting the United States chicken industry. The Chicken Caucus will provide a platform to discuss the role of government in addressing current and future industry challenges.

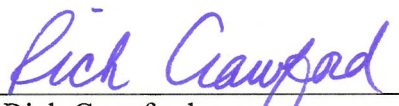
The chicken industry's economic impact can be felt in every state and district throughout the United States. As the world's most popular meat, American chicken enjoys an unparalleled reputation at home and abroad for being safe, wholesome and affordable. U.S. chicken companies directly employ over 300,000 workers, producing products worth a wholesale value of over \$45 billion dollars annually with major operations in more than 30 states. Further, there are more than 40 vertically integrated companies that contract with about 25,000 family farmers to produce market-ready broilers, hatching eggs and pullets.

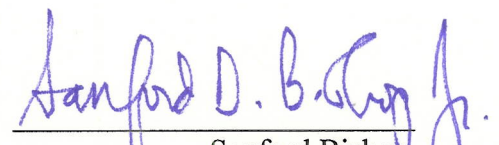
The Congressional Chicken Caucus was formed to educate other Members of Congress about the history, contributions and concerns of the U.S. chicken industry, which emanate from a wide range of issues pertaining to food safety, trade, labor, immigration and the environment. The caucus will serve as a liaison to streamline communications, thus creating a network that will be in a better position to promote the interests of our constituents.

This endeavor is especially important during a year that the Agricultural Committees are due to reauthorize the farm bill. It will serve all of us with chicken interests to be able to better keep up with developments on this and other legislation.

We welcome and encourage your membership in the Congressional Chicken Caucus. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the caucus, please contact either Chris Jones (Crawford) at Chris.Jones@mail.house.gov or Sara McGovern (Bishop) at Sara.McGovern@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


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