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As a supporter of Concern Worldwide UK and one of your constituents, I am writing to ask you to lobby the Secretary of State for International Development, Douglas Alexander, on behalf of poor farmers in developing countries.

Half the world's hungry people live and work on small farms. They cannot grow enough to feed themselves and their families all year round. A little bit of assistance could help these farmers to lift themselves out of poverty.

But these farmers are often ignored by developing country governments and donor governments such as the UK. For example, the UK Government's spending on agriculture in developing countries has halved in the last ten years.

I am concerned that these policies are leading to increased poverty and hunger. I would like you to raise my concerns with Douglas Alexander. In particular, would you please call on him to show the UK Government is serious about tackling global hunger and poverty by:

- putting the needs of poor farmers at the heart of its agriculture policy in developing countries;
- increasing the amount of aid that is given to agriculture in developing countries, and making sure that it reaches the poorest people;
- supporting investments that provide poor farmers with the services and support they need to be able to grow more food and increase their income;
- ensuring that poor farmers have a say in the decisions that affect them.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,