Hello, Whitney Hubbard,

As October ends the first year of Sen. Kennedy's federal and committee of jurisdiction, we thought it would be helpful to provide a brief update on what we've been up to, what we've learned, and what's coming next. Let us know what questions you have.

Since Sen. Kennedy's hearing on the under-40 farmer bill in October we've worked on various projects with other staff, together, **focus on the 2 biggest**. Planning for a farmer's market, and a farmer's market bill, in Louisiana. Working with Sen. Kennedy's office on a farmer's market bill, and the commercial and retail, which **Commission on Agriculture** for the 10th Annual Louisiana Farmers Market Conference, which is a great opportunity to meet farmers.

Sen. Cassidy is a member of the committee, and we expect some version of farmer and ranch bill to be introduced in the next Congress. Sen. Cassidy's office has been very supportive of Sen. Kennedy's farmer bill, and we have been in regular contact with Sen. Cassidy's office on farmer and ranch issues, including the farmer bill, and farmer market issues.

As we make sense of all of these opportunities, don't forget to check out the resources at the end of this email, and let us know what questions you have. Sen. Kennedy's office is ready to work with you on farmer issues, regardless of the official office. There is a little time to connect with your staff.

Warmly,
Mary Kate
Senior Advisor
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