

Persuasive Statement on a Federal Level Priority Issue

In 500 words or less, explain why one or more Federal Level Priority Issues (options attached) are important to your farm or ranch operation. How would you convince a U.S. Senator, Congressman or Agency official that this issue deserves his or her prompt attention?

Did you attend a MFBB Calling on the Capitol and/or another MFBB Legislative event in 2019? Yes No

Did you participate in an interim committee, Board of Livestock, Fish and Game Commission or other relevant state meeting? If so, which one(s)? What was discussed?

Yes No

Did you participate in a federal public meeting such as BLM, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services, Forest Service, etc.? Which one(s) and what was discussed?

Did you attend the 2018 MFBB Summer Conference or plan to attend the 2019 Summer Conference? Yes No

Did you visit a Montana Congressional office in Washington, D.C. and discuss a priority Farm Bureau issue? Yes No

Which issue(s)?

Do you use social media to promote agriculture and discuss relevant agriculture issues? Please explain:

Have you ever hosted a Congressional staffer, local legislator, agency official, etc. on your farm and explained important agriculture issues? Please explain:

Do you write blog posts about agricultural issues, and/or comment on online/print newspapers stories? If so, please provide web links or attach documents to the email when you send this application:

Did you recruit voting or Century Club member in 2018 or 2019? If so, please list name(s):

Please share the details about any other advocacy or legislatively related activities you've participated in during the 2018 or 2019 year:



Federal Level Priority Issues

This is a list of topics that we will likely discuss during our Fly-In with our Congressional Delegation, Federal Agencies, and other important stakeholders. Please use one or more of them as your topic for discussion in the Federal Level Priority Issue Persuasive statement.

- Regulatory Reform
 - This is a broad category that includes things like the Clean Water Rule/WOTUS, Endangered Species Act Reform, Wilderness Study Area management, predator control, Electronic Logging Devices/Hours of Service Rule, etc.
- Trade
 - Ratification of the USMCA agreement, multilateral trade agreements, etc.
- Infrastructure
 - Another broad category including broadband access, Highways, Transportation, Agriculture Research, Ratification of CSKT Water Compact, irrigation systems, etc.
- Agriculture Labor
 - Immigration Reform, Education, Recruitment of skilled workers
- Federal Lands
 - Forest Service and Bureau of Lands Management, grazing, multiple use, national parks etc.