



Sample letter to Congress expressing support for the NOSB's recent Organic decision

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Senator ABC
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator ABC:

I write to express my support for the National Organic Standards Board's (NOSB) recent decision to uphold the Organic eligibility of aquaponic and hydroponic growers.

[Insert a few sentences about what YOU do in aquaponics. Consider mentioning where you are located; any ways you help the community; or if / how many people you employ.]

Aquaponics embodies exactly what consumers expect in their organic produce:

1. No synthetic pesticides or chemicals;
2. Resource-efficient and planet-friendly; and
3. A thriving, diverse microbial root ecosystem.

The NOSB's decision will usher in a host of benefits to our food system. Aquaponics gives us the ability to eat fresh, local produce even in dense urban areas and arid climates. The organic label will allow commercial aquaponic growers to supply retailers the most local organic food possible.

Aquaponics employs closed-loop, recirculating systems of fish and plants. These systems use over 90% less water than soil farming; do not emit harmful agriculture discharge; and use the minimum resources necessary to grow vibrant, healthy crops.

For consumers, the NOSB's decision will lead to more accessible, affordable produce as more aquaponic growers enter the market. Aquaponics will also foster local economic growth with year-round food production jobs that can never be outsourced.

****Consider offering to serve as a resource****

Please let me know if you would like to discuss the Organic issue in more detail. And please contact me if you have any questions about aquaponics and its importance for *[YOUR STATE]*. You can reach me at *[email/phone]*.

Sincerely,

[your name and affiliation and contact info]