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Dear Arizona Cotton Leader:

The success of the cotton industry on Capitol Hill requires a significant investment in CAC contributions to Members of Congress and candidates who support our policy priorities. Throughout 2024, producer leaders and staff from the Arizona Cotton Growers Association and the National Cotton Council have been working collectively to secure economic assistance for cotton producers before the end of the year.

Since the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, growers have experienced significant financial headwinds as input costs are up for most major categories. Expenses for labor, seed, and chemicals are up approximately 50%, interest expenses are up by more than 200 while fertilizer costs have doubled. On the flip side, market prices have struggled as cotton demand has decreased, leaving a deteriorating financial situation for many producers with market prices well below the costs of production.

We are encouraged that the House Agriculture Committee has passed a Farm Bill that brings the Seed Cotton reference price more in line with current costs of production while also tweaking the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) to where it functions more like the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX) without the prohibition on enrollment in Price Loss Coverage (PLC). Senate Agriculture Committee Ranking Member John Boozman has also released a Farm Bill framework that mirrors many of the House Agriculture Committee priorities. It is vital that Congress pass a new five-year Farm Bill that is more reflective of the current cost of production.

In addition to a new Farm Bill, immediate economic assistance is essential. The new Farm Bill will not take effect until the 2025 crop, leaving many producers still struggling from significant losses incurred in 2023 and 2024. Without support before the year ends, some producers may be unable to obtain operating loans needed for next year's crop. Fortunately, numerous Congressional Members are advocating for you to secure economic aid this year and the CAC is actively working to support these candidates while also recruiting new Members who will champion our industry.

Traditionally Arizona producers recognize the importance of a politically strong National Cotton Council, and our policies' successes would not be possible without your support (benefit sheet attached). To that end, we ask you to join us by contributing to CAC in 2024. If you have already contributed this year, either individually or through your marketing cooperative, we thank you for your support.

**While any contribution is appreciated, we suggest a contribution of \$250 or more.** For your convenience, a self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Note: Federal election laws prohibit corporate checks. Partnership checks are allowed if none of the partners are corporations. For partnership or LLC checks, please furnish the names of all members. For those wishing to pay by credit card, please scan the QR code below.

Thank you for consideration of this request. Checks should be made payable to CAC and mailed to:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Hatley".

Adam Hatley  
President  
Arizona Cotton Growers Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Brooks".

Michael Brooks  
Chairman  
Arizona CAC



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