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Dear Members, Interested parties, and attendees of the CT Monthly Meeting
of the NDCC,

I am sorry that I am unable to be with you today to hear from
Connecticut consumers, environmentalists, processors and farmers about what
they need from the Dairy Compact.

Last week, I met with Speaker Dennis Hastert and other Members to
discuss the Compact and how we can work together to arrive at a solution that
we can all live with. As many of you know, I have spoken with many of my
colleagues about New England's Dairy industry and specifically what
unstable prices have done to threaten our farms in the past. Our work to
educate the nation about the benefits of the Compact has resulted in many
other regions wanting to arrange their own Compacts. Still, even though there
are more agreements fighting for passage, the challenge to New England is
still great.

Throughout the history of the compact, we have proven we have the
ability to protect our farms without cost to taxpayers and consumers. With the
current dairy compact set to expire in September, we need to permanently
reauthorize it now and ensure fresh, local milk, at stable prices in New
England. I assure you that I will continue to fight hard for Connecticut farms.

Very truly yours,

Nancy L. Johnson
Member of Congress