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## **Comments Received:**

I am the Director of Urban Agriculture for a non-profit in a poverty ridden neighborhood of Cincinnati. The lack of knowledge our students come to us with about where food comes from, how to grow it, and how to consume and preserve it is terrifying. Citizens who don't know how to feed themselves make for a weak nation. Federal grants like Farm to School make a huge difference for urban farmers and educators in my neighborhood. Recipients always use the funds to create meaningful change for children. Local, fresh food to children in school is one of the few fiscally responsible things taxpayer money can be spent on. To oppose or reduce the allocation of funds toward it is to confess an agenda that seeks to control citizens' ability to feed themselves.