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Comments

My name is Marilyn Adams. I am the spokesperson and founding president of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids. It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of support for NIOSH to continue funding Childhood Agricultural Prevention Initiatives. Let me begin by saying thank you for making significant investments in research and childhood injury prevention. I envision even more research to practice projects that will help protect rural children from the safety and health exposures on farms and ranches here in the U.S.

I am especially pleased to write in support of the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety. I have been very impressed with the Center's work and we have appreciated many opportunities to work together toward a common goal of protecting children on farms.

Both Shari Burgus and I represent Farm Safety 4 Just Kids as members of the Childhood Agricultural Safety Network (CASN). We have developed a great respect for the ways in which our organizations are able to complement each other's work. The children's safety and health projects NIOSH has supported over the years are impressive and they address many of the top priorities we have discussed with our volunteers, staff, board of directors, and other professionals. It is very gratifying to note the most recent NIOSH data shows a decline in injuries.

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids provides resources and training to individuals and communities to conduct farm safety awareness and education programs. Our chapter volunteers also utilize the materials and campaigns the National Children's Center has developed. In addition, we have benefited by working with other NIOSH research projects in the past years and are willing to continue working with NIOSH Agricultural Centers on childhood injury prevention. It is our hope that more community outreach projects will be funded in the upcoming years.

I truly hope you are successful in continuing to support the NIOSH-funded National Children's Center and other projects and programs related to childhood injury prevention. Please let me know how we can further support the great work that is being conducted under NIOSH's leadership and financial support.