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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 8 -- The Ohio Council of Churches today asked Congress to implement the farmer-to-farmer program, sponsored by Congressman Bob Dole.

The Council is the fourth group in two weeks to urge support of the Dole program of U. S. technical assistance to farmers in underdeveloped nations. The others are the National Association of Wheat Growers, the National Grange and the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

In a statement prepared for delivery before the House Agriculture Committee, Clyde N. Rogers, director of the town and country department of the Ohio Council, said, "We believe this can be one of the most effective means of helping people to help themselves. And farmers know how to show other farmers ways to improve their methods of agricultural production."

Dole's proposal, adopted in 1966, amends the Food for Freedom Act (P. L. 480). The House Committee is holding hearings on extension of the Act, which expires December 31.

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Dole, a ranking member of the Committee, introduced a bill this week to extend the Act for three years. The Kansas Congressman said he plans to urge Congressional action on the bill soon.