

May 9, 2018

The Honorable  
United States House  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman:

The undersigned organizations write to urge your strong opposition to amendments that could critically hurt farm families during House floor consideration of the farm bill.

Net farm income has fallen by 52 percent in recent years, the steepest decline since the Great Depression. Today, rural America is suffering under an agriculture recession that is entering its fifth year and farmers are struggling to deal with this challenge.

A core purpose of a farm bill at any time is to help the country's farmers and ranchers weather factors beyond their control, including natural disasters, disease, and high and rising foreign subsidies, tariffs, and non-tariff trade barriers. This is especially true during hard economic times.

The farm bill reported by the House Agriculture Committee abides by the Committee's commitments under the FY 2018 budget resolution and is on target to contribute more than \$112 billion to deficit reduction over the next 10 years. These savings are roughly five times greater than initially pledged.

Given current economic conditions and the fiscal achievements of the farm bill, we strongly urge members not to impose even greater burdens on farmers by attaching harmful amendments during House floor consideration of the farm bill.

While a number of potentially harmful proposals have surfaced in recent weeks, three possible amendments most frequently reported on by the media propose to gut crop insurance, undermine sugar policy and impose unworkable payment limits. We oppose these and any other amendments to H.R. 2 that would harm American farmers and ranchers and jeopardize passage of the bill on the House floor. During a prolonged recession in agriculture, failure to pass a farm bill on time would undermine the financial security of America's food, fuel, crop and fiber producers.

We respectfully urge you to avoid this outcome by rejecting all harmful amendments.

Sincerely,

Ag Credit, ACA  
Ag New Mexico, FCS, ACA  
AgChoice Farm Credit  
AgCountry Farm Credit Services  
AgFirst Farm Credit Bank

AgHeritage Farm Credit Services  
AgPreference, ACA  
AgriBank, FCB  
Agricultural Council of Arkansas  
Agricultural Retailers Association  
AgSouth Farm Credit  
AgTexas  
AgVantis, Inc.  
AimBank  
Alabama Ag Credit, ACA  
Alabama Corn and Soybean Association  
Alabama Cotton Commission  
Alabama Farm Credit, ACA  
Alabama Farmers Federation  
Alabama Peanut Producers Association  
Alaska Farm Bureau  
Alma Plantation  
Amalgamated Sugar Company LLC  
Amcot  
American AgCredit  
American Agriculture Movement of Tennessee  
American Association of Crop Insurers  
American Crystal Sugar Company  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers  
American Soybean Association  
American Sugar Alliance  
American Sugar Cane League  
American Sugar Refining Company (ASR)  
American Sugarbeet Growers Association  
AmericanHort  
ArborOne Farm Credit  
Arizona Cotton Ginners Association  
Arizona Cotton Growers Association  
Arizona Farm Bureau Federation  
Arkansas Cotton Ginners Association  
Arkansas Cotton Warehouse Association  
Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation  
Arkansas Rice Federation  
Arkansas Rice Growers Association  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Autauga Quality Cotton Association  
Big Horn Basin Beet Growers Association  
Big Horn County Sugar Beet Growers Association  
Blackland Cotton and Grain Producers Association  
Cajun Sugar Company

Calcot, Ltd.  
California & Hawaiian Sugar Company (C&H)  
California Association of Wheat Growers  
California Beet Growers Association  
California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association  
California Rice Commission  
Cape Fear Farm Credit  
Capital Farm Credit  
Carolina Farm Credit  
Carolinas Cotton Growers Cooperative  
Central Kentucky Ag Credit  
CoBank  
Colonial Farm Credit  
Colorado Association of Wheat Growers  
Colorado Corn  
Colorado Corn Growers Association  
Colorado Farm Bureau  
Colorado Sorghum Association  
Colorado Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Compeer Financial  
Connecticut Farm Bureau Association  
Cooperative Network  
Cora-Texas MFG. Co., Inc.  
Cotton and Grain Producers of Lower Rio Grande Valley  
Cotton Growers Warehouse Association  
Cotton Producers of Missouri  
Cotton Warehouse Association of America  
Cottonseed and Feed Association  
Crop Growers, LLP  
Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau  
Crop Insurance Professionals Association  
Delaware Farm Bureau  
Delta Council  
Domino Sugar  
El Paso Valley Cotton Association  
Elwyhee Beet Growers Association  
Enterprise Factory (M.A. Patout & Son Ltd.)  
Exotic Wildlife Association  
Farm Credit Bank of Texas  
Farm Credit Council  
Farm Credit East  
Farm Credit Illinois  
Farm Credit Mid-America  
Farm Credit Midsouth  
Farm Credit of Central Florida  
Farm Credit of New Mexico

Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, ACA  
Farm Credit of the Virginias, ACA  
Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA  
Farm Credit Services of America  
Farm Credit Southeast Missouri  
FCS Financial, ACA  
First United Bank  
FJGarnier Company  
Florida Cattlemen's Association  
Florida Crystals Corporation  
Florida Farm Bureau Federation  
Florida Peanut Producers Association  
Florida Sugar Cane League  
Fresno Madera Farm Credit  
Frontier Farm Credit  
Georgia Cotton Commission  
Georgia Farm Bureau Federation  
Georgia Peanut Commission  
Golden State Farm Credit, ACA  
Great Plains Canola Association  
GreenStone Farm Credit Services  
GROWMARK  
Idaho AgCredit, ACA  
Idaho Barley Commission  
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation  
Idaho Grain Producers Association  
Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Illinois Corn Growers Association  
Illinois Farm Bureau  
Independent Community Bankers of America  
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America  
Indiana Corn Growers Association  
Indiana Farm Bureau  
Indiana Soybean Alliance  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation  
Iowa Institute for Cooperatives  
Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD)  
Kansas Association of Wheat Growers  
Kansas Cooperative Council  
Kansas Corn Growers Association  
Kansas Cotton Association  
Kansas Farm Bureau  
Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association  
Kansas Soybean Association  
Kentucky Corn Growers Association  
Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation

Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association  
Lafourche Sugars Corp.  
Legacy Ag, Credit, ACA  
Louisiana Cotton & Grain Association  
Louisiana Cotton Ginners Association  
Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation  
Louisiana Independent Cotton Warehouse Association  
Louisiana Independent Rice Producers Association  
Louisiana Land Bank, ACA  
Louisiana Rice Producers Group  
Louisiana Sugar Cane Co-Op., Inc.  
Louisiana Sugar Refining, LLC  
Lula Sugar Factory  
Maryland Farm Bureau  
Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation  
Michigan Farm Bureau  
Michigan Sugar Company  
MidAtlantic Farm Credit  
Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative  
Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers  
Minnesota Canola Council  
Minnesota Corn Growers Association  
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association  
Mississippi Cotton Ginners Association  
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation  
Mississippi Land Bank, ACA  
Mississippi Peanut Growers Association  
Mississippi Rice Council  
Mississippi Soybean Association  
Missouri Corn Growers Association  
Missouri Cotton Ginners Association  
Missouri Farm Bureau Federation  
Missouri Rice Council  
Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
Montana Grain Growers Association  
Montana-Dakota Beet Growers Association  
Moss Capital Management, Inc.  
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies  
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Barley Growers Association  
National Christmas Tree Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Cotton Ginners Association

National Cottonseed Products Association  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Council of Textile Organizations  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Onion Association  
National Peach Council  
National Pecan Federation  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Sunflower Association  
NEBCO Beet Growers Association  
Nebraska Corn Growers Association  
Nebraska Farm Bureau  
Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board  
Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association  
Nebraska Soybean Association  
Nebraska Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Nebraska Wheat Growers Association  
Nevada Farm Bureau Federation  
New Jersey Farm Bureau  
New Mexico Cotton Ginners Association  
New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau  
New Mexico Pecos Valley Farmers Association  
New Mexico Sorghum Association  
New York Corn and Soybean Growers Association  
New York Farm Bureau  
North Carolina Cotton Producers Association  
North Carolina Farm Bureau  
North Carolina Peanut Growers Association  
North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association  
North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission  
North Dakota Corn Growers Association  
North Dakota Farm Bureau  
North Dakota Grain Growers Association  
Northern Canola Growers Association  
Nyssa-Nampa Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association  
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation  
Ohio Soybean Association  
Oklahoma Cotton Council  
Oklahoma Farm Bureau  
Oklahoma Sorghum Association  
Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association  
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association  
Oregon Farm Bureau Federation  
Oregon Wheat Growers League

Oregonians for Food and Shelter  
Palmetto AgriBusiness Council  
Panhandle Peanut Growers Association  
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
Plains Cotton Cooperative Association  
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.  
Premier Farm Credit  
ProCot Cooperative  
Raceland Raw Sugar Corp.  
Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Rhode Island Farm Bureau Federation  
Riceland Foods  
Rio Grande Sugar Valley Sugar Growers  
River Valley AgCredit, ACA  
Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association  
Select Milk Producers, Inc.  
Sidney Sugars Incorporated  
Society of American Florists  
South Carolina Cotton Board  
South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation  
South Carolina Peach Council  
South Dakota Corn Growers Association  
South Dakota Farm Bureau  
South Texas Cotton & Grain Association  
Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association  
Southern Cotton Ginners Association  
Southern Cotton Growers, Inc.  
Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative  
Southern Montana Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Southern Peanut Farmers Federation  
Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association  
Southwest Council of Agribusiness  
Spreckels Sugar Company  
St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Association  
St. Mary Sugar Co-op. Inc.  
Staple Cotton Cooperative Association  
Sterling Sugars, Inc.  
Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida  
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation  
Texas Agribusiness Insurance  
Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council  
Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association  
Texas Corn Producers Association  
Texas Cotton Ginners Association  
Texas Cotton Producers, Inc.  
Texas Farm Bureau

Texas Farm Credit  
Texas Grain and Feed Association  
Texas Rice Council  
Texas Rice Producers Legislative Group  
Texas Seed Trade Association  
Texas Sorghum Producers  
Texas Soybean Association  
Texas Wheat Producers Association  
Trans Pecos Cotton Association  
U.S. Canola Association  
U.S. Sugar  
U.S. Sweet Potato Council  
United Dairymen of Arizona  
United Fresh Produce Association  
United States Beet Sugar Association  
US Dry Bean Council  
US Rice Producers Association  
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council  
USA Rice Federation  
Utah Farm Bureau Federation  
Virginia Cotton Growers Association  
Virginia Farm Bureau Federation  
Virginia Grain Producers Association  
Virginia Peanut Growers Association  
Virginia Soybean Association  
Washington Association of Wheat Growers  
Washington State Farm Bureau  
Western AgCredit  
Western Equipment Dealers Association  
Western Peanut Growers Association  
Western Sugar Cooperative  
Westfield Sugar Factory  
Wisconsin Corn Growers Association  
Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation  
Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation  
Wyoming Sugar Company, LLC  
Yankee Farm Credit, ACA