

June 12, 2018

The Honorable Pat Roberts
Chairman
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry
328A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry
328A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow:

We are writing to commend your bipartisan leadership on the introduction of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. As you well know, conditions for producers across the country are challenging with drought, low prices, and uncertain market opportunities weighing heavily on the minds of all our members. 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.

As champions of American agriculture, we look forward to helping you address challenges that producers are facing by moving quickly to advance the 2018 Farm Bill. Advancing the Agriculture Improvement Act would offer policies that support production agriculture, crop insurance, conservation programs, research and expanding foreign markets critical to providing farmers with consistent policy for the next five years. We also want to convey our opposition to any harmful amendments to the Farm Bill that would impose greater burdens on farmers.

We all agree that producers need the certainty provided by a long-term reauthorization of the Farm Bill. Thank you for working with us throughout the reauthorization process. We look forward to taking the next steps to see the bill successfully marked up in the Agriculture Committee and advanced through the Senate.

Sincerely,

AgFirst Farm Credit Bank
AgriBank, FCB
Agricultural Retailers Association
Amcot
American Agri-Women
American Association of Crop Insurers
American Bankers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Malting Barley Association
American Pulse Association
American Seed Trade Association
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
American Sugar Cane League
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
AmericanHort
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Biotechnology Innovation Organization
California Rice Commission
CoBank
Cotton Growers Warehouse Association
Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau
Crop Insurance Professionals Association
Crop Science Society of America
Ducks Unlimited
Equipment Dealers Association
Farm Credit Bank of Texas
Farm Credit Council
Florida Sugar Cane Growers
Independent Community Bankers of America
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IIABA)
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies
National Association of Professional Insurance Agents
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Christmas Tree Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Milk Producers Federation
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Onion Association
National Peach Council
National Sorghum Producers
National Sunflower Association
Panhandle Peanut Growers Association
Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (PCI)
Rural & Agricultural Council of America
Society for Range Management
Soil Science Society of America
Southern Peanut Farmers Federation
Southwest Council of Agribusiness
Texas Sugar Cane Growers
U.S. Apple Association
U.S. Sweet Potato Council
United States Cattlemen's Association
US Beet Sugar Association
US Canola Association
US Dry Bean Council
US Rice Producers Association
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council
USA Rice Federation
Western Peanut Growers Association

cc: Members, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, United State Senate