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**RE: Request for Extension of the Comment Period with Respect to Proposed Revisions to the National Handbook of Conservation Practices for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (Docket No. NRCS-2022-0018)**

Mr. Prestwich,

On behalf of the agricultural organizations listed below, we respectfully request that the comment period for Docket No. NRCS-2022-0018 be extended by forty-five (45) days to allow adequate time to thoroughly review and provide constructive feedback on the proposed revisions to the nine conservation practice standards in this docket.

We greatly appreciate the coordination that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has engaged in with us to date. This particular comment period has, unfortunately, coincided with the most difficult season of the year to secure the time needed to properly review and comment on these proposed changes. We believe that an extension of the comment period is in the best interest of all parties. It will provide the time needed to give these proposed changes the attention they deserve and enable NRCS to finalize the standards with the confidence that agricultural interests have engaged directly on them. We look forward to your response and are hopeful that you will consider favorably our request.

Sincerely,

American Farm Bureau Federation  
Agricultural Retailers Association  
Illinois Corn Growers Association  
Illinois Farm Bureau  
Indiana Pork Producers Association  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation  
Minnesota Agricultural Water Resource Center  
Missouri Corn Growers Association  
Missouri Farm Bureau

Minnesota Crop Production Retailers  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Pork Producers Council  
Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association  
The Fertilizer Institute