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June 17, 2025

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human  
Services  
200 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20201

The Honorable Brooke Rollins  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20250

The Honorable Lee Zeldin  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Kennedy, Secretary Rollins, and Administrator Zeldin:

On behalf of National Cotton Council, I write to express our association's appreciation for yesterday's meeting at the White House to discuss the recent Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) Commission report. It was a very productive discussion, and the NCC thanks the Trump administration for its open door to the agriculture community.

Above all, we were very encouraged about the agreement in the meeting on the need for further study of microplastics. Synthetic fibers of one form or another (polyester, rayon, nylon, etc.) are flooding the American apparel and home goods market. Microfibers infiltrate indoor air, food, and water – creating chronic unavoidable exposure. We believe this topic warrants significantly more attention from the public health community.

We also appreciated the recognition in the meeting that our cotton farmers need every resource available to them, including crop protection products, as they continue to endure the enormous challenges of high input costs, low market prices, and unpredictable weather. Without access to glyphosate and similar tools, these farmers will be hindered from the start as they attempt to grow the fiber that keeps our nation clothed. Fortunately, decades of research have demonstrated the safety of crop protection products when applied in a responsible manner.

Overall, the NCC commends many of the goals of the MAHA Commission, and our association looks forward to further discussions with your offices. Thank you again, and please do not hesitate to reach out if we can assist your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary M. Adams". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Gary M. Adams  
President and CEO  
National Cotton Council