

June 29, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-309, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer:

The undersigned producer organizations representing the full range of production across the 17 cotton producing states **strongly oppose Senator Grassley's amendment to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)**, which would greatly weaken the producer safety net.

Specifically, the amendment would dramatically change the structure of farm policy and operational structure by adding language to the OBBBA to impose one payment limit per farming operation and substantially change the definition of what it means for a producer to be actively engaged in farming. In addition, the amendment eliminates the positive improvements made in the OBBBA with regards to payment limits as well as the establishment of equity in treatment of corporations, LLCs, joint ventures, and general partnerships.

Collectively, these changes to the OBBBA will impose massive additional penalties on producers across the country even as they struggle to efficiently manage their operations while contending with a host of challenges – ranging from high input costs to volatile market prices and erratic weather. Since passage of the 2018 farm bill, production costs alone have increased by 25-30 percent since the last farm bill was enacted.

The OBBBA as currently drafted provides the enhancements necessary for our industry to better weather the current economic environment. Without this assurance, many producers will be unable to make the necessary investments to keep their operations viable, and some will abandon farming altogether.

We cannot allow either outcome. For these and other reasons, we again express **our strong opposition to the Grassley amendment and respectfully ask you to urge your colleagues to vote against it should it come before the chamber.**

Sincerely,

Agricultural Council of Arkansas

Alabama Cotton Commission

Alabama Farmers Federation

Arizona Cotton Growers Association
Arkansas Farm Bureau
Blackland Cotton & Grain Producers, Inc.
California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association
Cotton Producers of Missouri
Delta Council
Florida Cotton Growers Association
Florida Farm Bureau
Georgia Cotton Commission
Georgia Farm Bureau
Kansas Cotton Association
Louisiana Cotton and Grain Association
Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
North Carolina Cotton Producers Association
North Carolina Farm Bureau
Oklahoma Cotton Council
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
South Carolina Farm Bureau
South Texas Cotton & Grain Association
Southern Cotton Growers, Inc.
Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers
St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Association
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Texas Farm Bureau
Virginia Cotton Growers Association