

May 30, 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
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Dear Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow:

We are writing to commend your leadership on the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee and your work to prepare for consideration of the 2018 Farm Bill. We believe it is vital that the Senate move ahead with Committee consideration as soon as possible.

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. As champions of American agriculture, we look forward to helping you address challenges that producers are facing by moving quickly to advance a Farm Bill. Your actions on legislation with policies that support production agriculture, crop insurance, conservation programs, research and expanding foreign markets are crucial to provide farmers with consistent policy for the next five years. 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 a bill marked up in the Agriculture Committee as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

American Association of Crop Insurers
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Malting Barley Association
American Pulse Association
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau
Crop Insurance Professionals Association
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America
National Association of Professional Insurance Agents
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Milk Producers Federation
National Sorghum Producers
National Sunflower Association
Southern Peanut Farmers Federation
Southwest Council of Agribusiness
United Fresh Produce Association
US Canola Association
US Dry Bean Council
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council
USA Rice Federation
Western Peanut Growers Association
Panhandle Peanut Growers Association

CC: Members of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee