



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT FOR FFNS 26

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## **TEXAS FARM BUREAU: Russell Boening, President**

“Texas farmers and ranchers need certainty, not continued delays. It is far past time to secure passage of the ‘Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026’ to complete the farm bill. We call on the House Agriculture Committee to swiftly advance this legislation out of committee once markup is complete and provide the stability farm and ranch families urgently need. Texas Farm Bureau strongly urges every Committee member to support this bill. A vote against this legislation is a vote against the farmers, ranchers, and consumers who depend on a secure and reliable food and fiber supply. We respectfully urge the Committee to promptly advance this legislation to the House floor without delay.”

## **AMERICANHORT: Ken Fisher, President and CEO**

“On behalf of AmericanHort and our members, we strongly support H.R. 7567, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. We commend Chairman GT Thompson, the House Agriculture Committee, and their staff for their leadership in advancing comprehensive legislation that strengthens America’s growers and farmers. This bill provides important support for the horticulture industry by enhancing disaster assistance programs, strengthening crop insurance, investing in research, and improving access to capital. These provisions are critical to ensuring the continued resilience and competitiveness of our industry. We respectfully urge all Members of the House Agriculture Committee to support H.R. 7567 and advance it to the House Floor.”

## **UNITED EGG PRODUCERS: Chad Gregory, President and CEO**

“UEP commends Chairman Thompson for moving forward the unfinished work on the farm bill. We look forward to working with members on both sides of the aisle to achieve a final product that supports America’s farmers and ranchers.”

## **NATIONAL SORGHUM PRODUCERS: Amy France, Chair**

“We applaud Chairman Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for advancing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, which reauthorizes

critical farm programs sorghum growers depend on to manage risk and remain competitive. A strong farm bill is essential to sustaining a vibrant American agricultural economy and strengthening our national security. This legislation provides the certainty farmers need to continue producing a safe, abundant and affordable food, feed and fuel supply for our nation and the world.”

**NATIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: Dominique Stumpf, CEO**

“The National Pest Management Association (NPMA) applauds the House Agriculture Committee for recognizing in the 2026 Farm Bill that pesticide regulation must remain grounded in sound science. NPMA has long promoted the technical expertise of state regulators and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to evaluate product safety and effectiveness, ensuring clear and consistent protection across America’s rural and urban settings. Maintaining a uniform statewide approach prevents a patchwork of local mandates and allows pest management professionals to continue their work protecting public health, and agriculture producers work to protect our food supply with confidence.”

**NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL: Nathan Reed, Chairman**

“Thanks to Chairman Thompson’s tireless work, we were fortunate to see much of the farm bill signed into law as part of the OBBBA, but now is the time to finish the job. Passage of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act would significantly benefit the cotton industry by safeguarding the marketing loan program during future shutdowns, advancing the effort to create a harvest incentive insurance option, and providing a commonsense regulatory framework for crop protection products. The NCC urges bipartisan support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act and stands ready to work with House and Senate leadership to secure final passage this year.”

**NATIONAL PORK PRODUCERS COUNCIL: Duane Stateler, President**

“America’s pork producers thank Chairman Thompson for continuing to take bold steps once again to protect our livelihoods from an unsustainable patchwork of state laws. We implore the full House Agriculture Committee to stand up for the American farmer, preserve states’ rights, and help keep pork affordable for the American consumers.”

**NATIONAL GROCERS ASSOCIATION: Stephanie Johnson, Group Vice President of Government Relations**

“Independent grocers operate on razor-thin margins, and transaction fees on SNAP purchases have long threatened to impose detrimental costs on the very stores that serve as the backbone of food access in rural and low-income communities. We appreciate Congress's budgetary constraints and are thankful for the inclusion of the five-year ban on EBT fees. We remain committed to working with lawmakers to permanently eliminate these fees so grocers can continue serving families without being penalized for participating in a critical federal nutrition program. Independent grocers are proud to serve as trusted SNAP partners on Main Street, often as the only full-service food store in their communities. These provisions strengthen the program by enhancing accountability, expanding access to fresh and nutritious options, and supporting the critical work local grocers do to keep communities fed. We look forward to continuing to work with Congress to advance reforms that build a more secure, modern, and accessible nutrition system for years to come.”

**NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNCIL: Harrison Kircher, President**

“I want to thank Chairman Thompson and his committee staff for their leadership and work on the 'Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026,' which is vital to American agriculture. Chicken producers are especially grateful for the provisions that seek to increase funding for export promotion programs and those that pertain to negotiating animal disease regionalization agreements with our trading partners, which is critical in the wake of the ongoing avian influenza outbreak in the U.S. We are proud to support this bill.”

**NATIONAL MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION: Gregg Doud, President & CEO**

“NMPF thanks Chairman Thompson, House Agriculture Committee members, and their staffs for working to put together a farm bill that will bring greater certainty to producers at a difficult time. Dairy farmers look forward to working with House members and senators as this legislation makes its way through Congress, and we pledge our support in crafting the best legislation possible.”

**CONSORTIUM FOR COMMON FOOD NAMES: Jaime Castaneda, Executive Director**

“For too long, the European Union has weaponized geographical indication policies to tilt the playing field against U.S. producers. Recent trade negotiations have finally reversed that trend. The Farm Bill language ensures that this policy continues to be a

priority for the U.S. government for years to come. We appreciate Chairman Thompson, the House Agriculture Committee and our bipartisan Congressional champions of the SAFETY Act for their leadership in sending a clear signal that the United States needs to establish a lasting policy ensuring our producers do not lose market access and opportunities in the future. When foreign governments adopt restrictive GI policies under EU pressure, American producers pay the price. The SAFETY Act is about supporting current efforts to establish a clear U.S. government policy focused on ensuring that widely used food names remain available to those who have earned the right to use them."

**COUNCIL OF PRODUCERS & DISTRIBUTORS OF AGROTECHNOLOGY: Terry Kippley, President and CEO**

"Farmers need access to proven crop protection tools and adjuvant technologies to stay productive, resilient, and globally competitive. This legislation helps ensure those tools remain available while reinforcing America's science-based regulatory system. CPDA looks forward to working with Chairman Thompson, the Committee, and members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to advance a strong, bipartisan Farm Bill that supports farmers, strengthens rural economies, and reinforces U.S. food and national security."

**AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION: Scott Metzger, President**

"We appreciate that Chairman Thompson heard the concerns and needs of soybean farmers and addressed them in the bill. The provisions included will provide much-needed market and regulatory certainty for producers facing new risks and difficult business decisions."

**AGRICULTURAL RETAILERS ASSOCIATION: Daren Coppock, President & CEO**

"ARA commends Chairman G.T. Thompson for his leadership in advancing the 2026 Farm Bill and for his commitment to providing long term certainty for America's farmers, ranchers, and agricultural supply chain partners. Agricultural producers continue to face significant challenges, including volatile markets, extreme weather, global trade instability, labor shortages, and rising input costs. A strong, forward looking Farm Bill is essential to maintaining a reliable safety net that supports our nation's food, energy, and fiber supply, while also investing in conservation, research, rural development, crop protection, trade promotion, and nutrition programs."

### **NATIONAL ANIMAL INTEREST ALLIANCE: Patti Strand, President and Co-Founder**

“The National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) strongly supports the inclusion of this new framework to strengthen health requirements to safeguard animal and public health from the risks associated with the importation of dogs into the United States. Thanks to the diligent work of the lead sponsors of the Healthy Dog Importation Act (HDIA), Representatives Dusty Johnson (R-SD) and Don Davis (D-NC), and a broad coalition of veterinary, livestock, and companion animal advocates, we are one step closer to protecting people and animals from the growing threat of dangerous pathogens that are transmitted into the United States via unchecked dog importation. NAIA stands ready to work with lawmakers in both chambers to pass a bipartisan farm bill this year.”

### **FARM CREDIT COUNCIL: Christy Seyfert, President and CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

“The Farm Credit Council is pleased to share our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges completion of the Farm Bill this year. While vital provisions for U.S. agriculture were included in the budget reconciliation law last year, many policies – including those impacting credit availability – remain stuck in 2018 and need to be modernized. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide certainty and growth opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.

This legislation includes provisions from six important bipartisan marker bills to expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernize programs; and reduce regulatory burdens on producers and their ag lenders. Specifically, this bill will update Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements to reflect agriculture needs today, and it will strengthen rural communities by allowing additional financing options for essential community facilities like hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers.

With the U.S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, Congress must get Farm Bill 2.0 across the finish line this year. We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026.

As the process advances, we look forward to working closely with you and your staff to secure inclusion of additional measures that have been introduced with broad bipartisan support, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America’s farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.”

**ASSOCIATION OF EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS: Kip Eideberg, Senior Vice President of Government and Industry Relations**

"Equipment manufacturers are committed to providing America's farmers with the precision technology solutions they need to monitor, manage, and maximize their farm operations. We applaud the initial legislative text of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, which will provide growers with much-needed access to the latest precision agriculture tools, helping producers drive efficiency, productivity, and profitability. When American agriculture is strong, the U.S. economy is also strong."

**AMERICAN FROZEN FOOD INSTITUTE: Alison Bodor, President and CEO**

"Chairman Thompson's leadership ensures that families who rely on GusNIP-funded programs have greater access to frozen vegetables and fruits, which are frozen within hours of harvest and have the same nutrition as fresh. As the federal administration calls for Americans to embrace whole food nutrition, frozen vegetables and fruits offer a proven, practical solution that supports healthy eating while recognizing how Americans actually shop, store and prepare food. We look forward to working with Chairman Thompson, Committee members, and Senate partners to advance a Farm Bill that strengthens nutrition programs, supports U.S. agriculture, and delivers meaningful benefits to American families."

**NATIONAL GRAIN AND FEED ASSOCIATION: Mike Seyfert, President and CEO**

"A timely, comprehensive farm bill is essential to maintaining a strong and competitive U.S. agricultural sector. We appreciate the committee's work to advance this process and encourage continued collaboration to deliver a long-term bill that supports producers, strengthens supply chains, and promotes market stability."

**NATIONAL WATERSHED COALITION: Tom Goode, Chairman**

"Today Congressman Glenn (GT) Thompson, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture released the House version of a new Farm Bill. "We are pleased that the Committee's proposed bill contains the recommendations that the National Watershed Coalition (NWC) put forward on the USDA Watershed Program during the multi-year development of the coming Farm Bill. "We appreciate Chairman Thompson's efforts to improve the program and address the needs and concerns of watershed project sponsors across the country."

### **PIVOT BIO: Chris Abbott, CEO**

“Next week, I’m embarking on an “8 States in 8 Days” tour, beginning in Arkansas, Missouri, and Alabama. I love these trips because I get to spend time with farmers, thanking them for their hard work, and listening to the challenges they’re facing. I’m also excited to share some good news with them as we continue to do all we can to strengthen American agriculture. The Farm, Food and National Security Act recognizes the continued evolution of agriculture, as growers embrace innovative tools, including biological nitrogen and precision inputs, to improve efficiency and produce more with less - at the heart of what we do at Pivot Bio. Modernizing USDA programs to recognize these technologies is an important and meaningful step forward. It makes it easier for farmers to adopt solutions that fit their land and their businesses, helps them capture more value from the work they’re already doing, and acknowledges that innovation is already happening on U.S. farms nationwide. At Pivot Bio, we see every day how modern crop nutrition technologies help growers turn innovation into real economic and agronomic gains. These practices are already delivering game changing results on American farms, with thousands of growers putting them to work every season to build resilience into their operations. It’s important to continue to bring new innovation and technology to American agriculture and to the farmers we all depend on. We all appreciate the work of the House Agriculture Committee and the commitment of Chairman Thompson and his team. Thanks to their work, and so many others, we are keeping America a global leader in agriculture and strengthening the future of farming for generations to come.”

### **INTERNATIONAL DAIRY FOODS ASSOCIATION: Michael Dykes, President and CEO**

“Chairman Thompson’s draft Farm Bill builds on the strong momentum behind dairy nutrition incentives and reflects a clear commitment to making America healthy again. By expanding SNAP dairy incentives to include additional nutritious dairy products and providing certainty to core federal dairy programs, this legislation ensures low-income families have greater access to affordable, wholesome dairy foods while giving farmers and processors the certainty they need to continue delivering for America. This Congress and the Administration have an opportunity in the next Farm Bill to better leverage SNAP to expand access to nutritious dairy products and improve health outcomes for Americans. IDFA encourages Congress to include yogurt and other cultured dairy products in the DNIP program alongside milk and cheese. Strengthening dairy incentives through DNIP will help families put wholesome, affordable foods on the table while advancing the Make America Healthy Again agenda. SNAP purchases of more varieties of dairy also means greater support for America’s dairy farmers. This draft Farm Bill further positions dairy at the heart of America’s nutrition strategy. When we invest in programs that expand access to milk, cheese, yogurt, and other nutritious dairy

products, we invest in healthier families and a stronger nation. IDFA appreciates Chairman Thompson's leadership and looks forward to working with lawmakers and the Administration to move this bill forward."

**PENNSYLVANIA FARM BUREAU: Chris Hoffman, President**

"On behalf of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Chairman Thompson, the members of the House Agriculture Committee, and the dedicated staff for their diligent work on the Farm Bill 2.0 text. The current state of the farm economy is navigating a period of significant volatility, making a modernized Farm Bill a vital necessity rather than a mere preference. Our farmers are consistently facing unprecedented market shifts and rising input costs; seeing this reality recognized within the current text is a much-needed and long-overdue development. For too long, our producers have been forced to manage present-day challenges under an outdated policy framework. Following the significant investments in the One, Big Beautiful Bill, it is time to cross the finish line and deliver a bipartisan, modernized Farm Bill that secures the future of Pennsylvania agriculture. We will be analyzing the draft closely ahead of the upcoming markup and hope to see Congress move swiftly."

**NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION: Kurt Dyroff, Co-CEO**

"We commend Chairman Thompson, his dedicated staff, and the members of the House Committee on Agriculture for steadfastly prioritizing farmers, natural resources and wildlife in their work. We appreciate their leadership in advancing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and look forward to its continued progress through a strong, bipartisan process. Sustaining and strengthening vital conservation programs remains essential to delivering resilient habitats and enhancing soil and water quality on working lands."

**CROP INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE BUREAU:**

"The Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau (CIRB) greatly appreciates the hard work that has gone into this farm bill process. We are thankful for the Committee's responsiveness to making key policy and regulatory improvements that will both enhance the experience for farmers and strengthen the critical public-private partnership that makes crop insurance the most efficient component of the farm safety net. We believe these improvements get at the heart of our mission – to deliver more policies to more farmers in more regions of the country in an efficient and sustainable manner. Crop insurance is the cornerstone of risk management for America's farmers

and ranchers, and we look forward to working with both sides of the aisle to protect and further improve the program through the farm bill process.”

**DUCKS UNLIMITED: Adam Putnam, CEO**

“We appreciate Chairman Thompson for releasing his Farm Bill and outlining his priorities for America. Farm Bill conservation programs that are voluntary and incentive-based, such as Wetland Reserve Easements, are critical to conserving wetlands and waterfowl habitat in the U.S. We’re happy to see this progress as Congress works toward a bipartisan Farm Bill that supports the needs of farmers and ranchers while supporting North America’s waterfowl and other wildlife.”

**MINNESOTA PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION: Todd Selvik, President**

“We thank Chairman Thompson and members of the House Agriculture Committee for their continued commitment to supporting Minnesota’s family pig farmers. As pig farmers, we care deeply about our animals and take pride in producing safe, affordable food for families here at home and across the country. Farm Bill 2.0 provides much-needed clarity and certainty for producers. We urge the full House Agriculture Committee to stand with family farmers, protect our ability to operate across state lines, and help keep pork affordable for American consumers.”

**NATIONAL SUNFLOWER ASSOCIATION: Chuck Todd, President**

“The National Sunflower Association (NSA) supports the Farm, Food, and National Security Act put forth by Chairman Thompson. The bill addresses many programs that support farmers and rural communities and ultimately benefit all Americans. Sunflower growers particularly appreciate the consolidation of funding in the market access and trade promotion programs as well as provisions to provide regulatory integrity and certainty for the crop protection tools that farmers rely on.”

**MALNUTRITION ADVOCACY FUND: Amit Paley, CEO**

“We are deeply grateful to the committee for proposing \$200 million in funding for American-made RUTF. This life-saving treatment for starving children is made possible thanks to the work of American farmers and small businesses across 27 states. By harnessing the leadership of American agriculture and investing in RUTF, we are saving children’s lives while elevating American leadership. This is a win-win we can all be proud of.”

**CORN REFINERS ASSOCIATION: John Bode, President and CEO**

“The outstanding productivity of the American farmer means producers need markets, and the ag bioeconomy is poised to be a massive growth opportunity for U.S. agriculture. By including bipartisan language to build a robust U.S. ag bioeconomy, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 lays the groundwork for a strong future for American farmers, processors, and rural economies.”

**PLANT BASED PRODUCT COUNCIL: James Glueck, Executive Director**

“American farmers already lead the world in productivity and sustainability, and it is critical that American manufacturers have the tools to lead the world in the development of a strong ag bioeconomy. Provisions included in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide strong markets for American producers, create new jobs, and protect American national security. We are grateful to PBPC's bipartisan champions for their work on this important language and look forward to further collaboration to see these priorities signed into law.”

**INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: Nathan Ohle, President and CEO**

“On behalf of the economic development organizations and professionals we serve, we thank Chairman Thompson for his leadership in advancing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. This legislation would reauthorize important U.S. Department of Agriculture programs that help strengthen rural communities. IEDC supports a strong Rural Development title, especially programs that build local capacity and expand economic opportunity, and we appreciate the inclusion of technical assistance for economically distressed areas as recognition of the need for more dedicated support. We look forward to working with Chairman Thompson and Congress to advance a long-term Farm Bill that equips rural communities for long-term economic growth.”

**MIDWEST COUNCIL ON AGRICULTURE: Perry Aasness, President (in a letter to the Committee)**

“The Midwest Council on Agriculture is grateful to you for your continued work to enact a comprehensive farm bill. We appreciate the release of the ‘Farm, Food, and National Security Bill of 2026’ and it being scheduled for markup in committee. We strongly support the provisions in the bill that align with our council's priorities, namely, modernizing USDA Farm Service Agency loan program limits, modifications to conservation programs that allow for greater utilization of precision ag technologies,

enhancements to policies and programs that help support rural communities, and ensuring a strong crop insurance program. Members of the Midwest Council stand ready to help find a pathway forward to a bipartisan bill that can be passed through the House and Senate and enacted into law. We are pleased that the process is moving forward and are grateful for leadership and all the members who have expressed a willingness to getting this across the finish line."

**FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION: Bradford T. Nordholm, Chief Executive Officer (in a letter to the Committee)**

"The Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac) is pleased to express its strong support for the inclusion of provisions in H.R. 7567, The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 that would strengthen the agricultural mortgage secondary market served by Farmer Mac. These measures are intended to increase liquidity, thereby providing affordable financing for farmers, ranchers, rural infrastructure, and agribusiness.

Access to reliable and affordable financing is essential for the success of agricultural producers and rural communities. We support a strong Credit Title to maintain the ongoing success of American agriculture and the continued vitality of rural communities. A strong Credit Title can empower farmers and ranchers to invest in their operations, manage risk, and adapt to changing markets. It can also help to lower the cost of critical infrastructure. This, in turn, could help sustain rural economies, support job creation, and preserve the fabric of rural America for future generations.

In closing, we thank Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Craig, and their staffs for their dedication and hard work. We look forward to Congress finalizing this important piece of legislation."

**WILDLIFE MISSISSIPPI: James L. Cummins, Executive Director (in a letter to the Committee)**

"Wildlife Mississippi extends our sincere thanks to you and the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture for their leadership in introducing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.B. 7567), including mandatory funding for the groundbreaking Forest Conservation Easement Program (FCEP). As the nation's first comprehensive private and tribal forestland conservation easement program, FCEP ensures forest landowners have the same opportunities as other agricultural producers to protect their working lands. By addressing a longstanding funding gap, the program helps keep private forests intact, sustainably managed for timber, and safeguarded from development pressures. With private forests comprising 58 percent of U.S. forestland, FCEP provides

willing landowners the option to voluntarily sell development rights while retaining ownership and keeping their land productive and on local tax rolls. Healthy private forests are essential to both conservation and economic stability. They filter nearly 30 percent of the nation's drinking water, provide habitat for 60 percent of at-risk species, support 2.5 million jobs, and supply 90 percent of the nation's forest products. Preventing permanent conversion strengthens wildlife habitat, protects water quality, and bolsters rural economies. Forestry is foundational to Mississippi's economy and communities. Forest industries operate statewide and employ approximately 25 percent of the state's manufacturing workforce, directly supporting 70,000 jobs, generating \$1.8 billion in wages, and contributing \$12.79 billion annually to the state economy. Mississippi's forests also deliver critical public benefits, including clean air and water, wildlife habitat for species such as wild turkey and white-tailed deer, buffering for military installations, and nationally leading carbon sequestration as recognized by the U.S. Forest Service. With 79 percent of Mississippi's forestland, approximately 17 million acres, privately owned, FCEP represents a meaningful and voluntary path forward to conserve working forests, strengthen rural communities, and ensure long-term stewardship. A healthy environment makes sound economic sense for Mississippi and the nation, and we are grateful for your leadership in advancing this important investment in our forests and our future.

Wildlife Mississippi extends our appreciation to Chairman Glenn "G.T." Thompson for his leadership in introducing one of the strongest Conservation Titles of a Farm Bill in our Nation's history. We are especially grateful for the creation of the Forest Conservation Easement Program and the provisions to strength the Wetlands Reserve Easement."

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FARMER COOPERATIVES: Duane Simpson, President & CEO**

"The release of a draft farm bill is an important and welcome step forward for farmers, co-ops, and rural America. Finishing the farm bill process started in last year's reconciliation is overdue, and we appreciate Chairman Thompson's leadership in moving this process ahead. Farmer co-ops rely on strong risk management tools, effective conservation and trade programs, and policies that support investment and innovation across rural communities. This draft reflects meaningful progress in a number of areas that matter to our members and reauthorizes a number of critical programs left out the reconciliation process. As the House Agriculture Committee moves toward markup later this month, we look forward to working with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle and hope to see amendments considered and approved on issues that are particularly important to farmer cooperatives. NCFC remains committed to supporting a strong, bipartisan farm bill that gives farmers and the cooperatives they own the certainty they need to plan, invest, and continue feeding and fueling the country."

**PHEASANTS FOREVER AND QUAIL FOREVER: Andrew Schmidt, Director of Government Affairs**

“The introduction of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 moves the farm bill process forward at a pivotal time, and we thank Chairman Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for their work on this legislation. Congress must now come together to pass a bipartisan, five-year farm bill that provides certainty for agricultural producers and sustains conservation programs that benefit wildlife habitat, soil health, water quality, and rural communities.”

**LIVESTOCK MARKETING ASSOCIATION: Jara Settles, General Counsel and VP of Risk Mitigation**

“The Livestock Marketing Association applauds the House Agriculture Committee on its efforts to move forward bipartisan tools and solutions for American agriculture in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Specifically, LMA appreciates the inclusion the Amplifying Processing of Livestock in the United States (APLUS) Act, a statutory resolution of an outdated regulatory issue, which will allow livestock auction market owners to own or invest in small and mid-sized harvest facilities. This will pave the way for additional packing capacity, competition, and supply chain resilience.”

**ALABAMA AG CREDIT: Nick Hartley, President and CEO**

“Alabama Ag Credit is pleased to share our support for the Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026 and urges completion of the Farm Bill this year.”

**FARM CREDIT OF CENTRAL FLORIDA: Reginald T. Holt, President and CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

“Farm Credit of Central Florida is pleased to share our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges completion of the Farm Bill this year. While vital provisions for U.S. agriculture were included in the budget reconciliation law last year, many policies – including those impacting credit availability – remain stuck in 2018 and need to be modernized. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide certainty and growth opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. This legislation includes provisions from six important bipartisan marker bills to expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernize programs; and reduce regulatory burdens on producers and their ag lenders. Specifically, this bill will update Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements to reflect agriculture needs today, and it will strengthen rural communities by allowing

additional financing options for essential community facilities like hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers. With the U.S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, Congress must get Farm Bill 2.0 across the finish line this year. We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. As the process advances, we look forward to working closely with you and your staff to secure inclusion of additional measures that have been introduced with broad bipartisan support, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**AMERICAN AGCREDIT: Curt Hudnutt, President and CEO**

"American AgCredit expresses our gratitude and support to Chairman Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for their work to produce the Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026. America's farmers, ranchers and rural communities need this modernized farm bill, which will provide tools for their resilience and growth. Provisions in this legislation to increase access to credit, including updates to Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and programs, are vital to the producers that American AgCredit serves. We are pleased that the Farm Bill 2.0 goes beyond the groundwork laid in H.R. 1 to address crucial agricultural priorities from bipartisan marker bills at a critical moment. Farmers and ranchers – especially those who are beginning their careers in agriculture – are looking to set the foundation for future prosperity. This bill will provide them certainty in the years ahead as they invest in their operations while also revitalizing the community services and infrastructure they and their families depend on every day. American AgCredit commends the work and urges the Committee to continue advancing the Farm Bill 2.0 on behalf of the farmers, ranchers and communities who sustain America's food system and our rural economy."

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE: Ted McKinney, CEO**

"NASDA applauds Chairman Thompson for beginning the process of finalizing the Farm Bill 2.0. With the release of the legislative text, NASDA remains committed to advocating for a bipartisan farm bill that will advance the food, fiber and fuel provided by American agriculture. Finishing a farm bill is vital to the food and agriculture sector, which benefits our economy, accounting for roughly one-fifth of U.S. economic activity and supporting nearly 23 million jobs. We welcome the opportunity to work with the House Agriculture Committee as they begin debating the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 next week."

### **AMERICAN RIVERS ACTION FUND: Tom Kiernan, President**

"We support the watershed and floodplain easement provisions in this bill as important steps to strengthen USDA's flood management services. Together, these provisions will protect water supplies, reduce flood damages, and control erosion. To maximize their impact, Congress should adopt clear, data-rich prioritization standards that direct resources to flood-prone communities. Additionally, we believe investments in high-hazard dam safety upgrades are essential to protect rivers, lives, and private property. A verified inventory of USDA-assisted dams detailing their conditions and repair backlogs would further strengthen agricultural and rural communities."

### **AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST: Tim Fink, Vice President of Policy**

"The draft Farm Bill text released last week by the House Agriculture Committee would make critical improvements to USDA conservation programs to better serve farmers, ranchers, and landowners. It also maintains the historic investment into conservation programs from the recent transfer of unspent Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding. This means even more producers, both now and in the future, would be able to protect their land and implement the very practices needed to build more profitable, resilient, and sustainable operations. Specifically, AFT applauds the numerous reforms proposed for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). With 2,000 acres a day of agricultural land lost or threatened by conversion, these two programs are critically important to stem the loss of productive agricultural land to development. The legislation makes improvements sought by landowners and program partners for years. These include increasing the federal cost-share for easement acquisitions, providing a lower cost-share option with no federal right of enforcement, clarifying the process for easement modifications, extending entity certification to RCPP, exempting ACEP from the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) requirement, and ensuring that easement proceeds do not count against a landowner's AGI for other Farm Bill programs. Together, these would enable more farmers and ranchers to protect their family's legacy and tap into their land's equity to improve their operation or transfer it to a successor. The inclusion of a new program that would match funding for state and tribal soil health programs is another crucial step forward. Many states across the nation have been driving conservation innovation and filling gaps in federal support by creating their own programs to help farmers and ranchers increase profitability, reduce soil erosion, improve water and air quality, and build resilience to extreme weather. We applaud Chairman Thompson for proposing to match and incentivize greater state and tribal conservation investments, and look forward to working with the House and Senate Agriculture Committees to make this a standalone program. At a time when record land prices are placing the dream of farmland ownership out of reach for so many new

farmers, AFT applauds the proposed establishment of a pre-approval pilot program for farm ownership loans and the reauthorization of the Commission on Farm Transitions. The Commission would create a platform for identifying the barriers to transition facing both retiring and aspiring producers and provide policymakers with concrete recommendations to address this national concern. This bill marks a vital first step in what we hope will be a bipartisan process moving forward. The passage of a Farm Bill remains both urgent and essential to provide the certainty farmers need to run viable operations, and to enable the types of improvements needed to ensure that programs are working well for the very people they are intended to serve. AFT thanks Chairman Thompson, the Committee, and staff for all their hard work in developing this legislation, and for their continued partnership with stakeholders to pass a Farm Bill that meets the needs of farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the nation."

**USTELECOM: Jonathan Spalter, President and CEO**

"Chairman Thompson's bill is a smart, targeted fix that cuts unnecessary red tape. Rural providers shouldn't have to redo reviews for projects in areas that have already been thoroughly analyzed. This reform brings certainty, reduces delays, and ensures investment goes into building broadband networks — not navigating duplicative paperwork. It's a practical step that will help accelerate deployment and strengthen connectivity for rural communities."

**COMPEER FINANCIAL: Jase Wagner, President and CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

"On behalf of Compeer Financial, a member of the Farm Credit System serving approximately 79,000 memberowner farmers in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin, we are pleased to share our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and we urge Congress to prioritize and complete its work on the Farm Bill this year. Compeer is especially grateful for the inclusion of a strong Credit Title in this legislation, which incorporates text from several important bills introduced in Congress and co-sponsored by both Republicans and Democrats serving on your committee. Specifically, Compeer appreciates the inclusion of text from the Producer and Agricultural Credit Enhancement (PACE) Act, which modernizes USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits to better reflect the current economic realities facing farmers. We also appreciate inclusion of the Investing in Rural America Act, which will help unlock additional capital from the Farm Credit System to support the financing of health care, senior care, child care, fire stations and other essential facilities that are critical to the vitality of rural communities. Additionally, we support policy changes included in the Credit Title that address entity structure issues many producers have faced in accessing FSA loan programs. These changes, along with provisions to streamline and modernize the loan

approval process, will have a positive impact for both ag lenders and the farmers and ranchers we serve. Compeer believes this legislation provides critical support for U.S. agriculture and rural communities now and into the future. We appreciate the work that has gone into developing this important legislation and look forward to seeing a Farm Bill pass out of your committee and the House floor with bipartisan support. We value your leadership and dedication to the farmers, ranchers and rural communities across our country. Please reach out if I can provide any assistance or information as this legislation moves forward."

**NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION: Gene Copenhaver, President**

"We appreciate Chairman Thompson's leadership and diligent work to provide legislative answers to the ongoing needs of cattle producers. Chairman Thompson's bill includes important provisions to streamline voluntary conservation programs, protect grazing as a land management tool, address the critical shortage of rural veterinarians, and establish an important pilot program to safely explore better options for direct-to-consumer sales of locally raised beef. We thank Chairman Thompson and members of the House Agriculture Committee for their dedicated work during this Farm Bill cycle."

**OKLAHOMA PORK COUNCIL: Kylee Deniz, Executive Director**

"The Oklahoma Pork Council appreciates the thoughtful approach reflected in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, which recognizes that strong farms are the foundation of a secure food system and nation. Oklahoma pork producers need clarity that protects their freedom to farm including a workable solution to Proposition 12."

**GPS INNOVATION ALLIANCE: Lisa Dyer, Executive Director**

"GPSIA commends Chairman Glenn "GT" Thompson for recognizing the vital role of GPS-enabled precision agriculture in strengthening America's food security and rural economies in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. The bill's increased support for precision agriculture, including GPS guidance and auto-steer systems, reflects the reality that modern farming depends on positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) capabilities. The bill emphasizes U.S. leadership in precision agriculture standards and rural broadband deployment to ensure our farmers have access to resource-saving technologies. GPS-enabled precision agriculture is critical to conserving energy and resources, reducing input costs and improving yields. Importantly, the bill also acknowledges that PNT, drones, and remote sensing have dual-use applications for both defense objectives and rural agricultural economies. The same GPS and other

satellite PNT infrastructure that allows farmers to accomplish more with less also supports national security, critical infrastructure, public safety, and the modern U.S. economy. GPSIA looks forward to working with Congress to advance policies that reinforce U.S. leadership in precision agriculture and protect the satellite systems that make it possible.”

### **AMERICAN SUGAR ALLIANCE:**

“Chairman GT Thompson understands the current economic realities squeezing America's farmers and the need for a full reauthorization of the Farm Bill to bring greater certainty to rural America. We appreciate the House Agriculture Committee's efforts to pass bipartisan updates to U.S. sugar policy in 2024 and then Chairman Thompson's championing of those provisions as they became law in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act last year. Those stronger farm policies are paramount as the U.S. sugar industry faces numerous headwinds, including immense economic pressures, excess foreign sugar, and natural disasters like the recent freeze that impacted the Southeastern U.S. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act further recognizes the essential role of domestic sugar production in maintaining resilient supply chains and drives progress for strengthened crop insurance tools for farmers. America's farm economy is in crisis; we cannot afford to lose more family farms or factories. It's time to finally get a new Farm Bill across the finish line.”

### **HORIZON FARM CREDIT: Tom Truitt, CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

“Horizon Farm Credit is pleased to support the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and underscores the importance of completing the Farm Bill this year.

As a cooperative serving more than 23,000 members across Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, Horizon Farm Credit is invested in the long-term strength of agricultural and rural communities. Ensuring that the agricultural sector remains vibrant, resilient, and competitive is central to our mission and critical to the communities we serve.

Farmers today face numerous challenges, operating within an economic landscape that has shifted significantly since many federal credit and program standards were last updated. While last year's budget reconciliation law addressed several important needs, a number of policies — particularly those affecting agricultural credit — need to be modernized. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 provides an important framework for updating these provisions and enhancing stability and growth across the agricultural and rural economy.

The legislation draws on several bipartisan marker bills that seek to expand credit availability, particularly for young and beginning farmers; modernize long-standing programs; and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens on producers and agricultural lenders. Among its notable improvements, the bill updates Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility criteria to reflect today's agricultural realities. It also bolsters rural communities by broadening financing options for essential facilities such as hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing centers, and childcare centers.

We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Through this process, Horizon Farm Credit remains committed to engaging with you and your staff to secure inclusion of additional measures that have been introduced with broad bipartisan support, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to the nation's agricultural and rural sectors."

**AGCREDIT: Brian J. Ricker, CEO & President (in a letter to the Committee)**

"AgCredit, one of northern Ohio's largest lenders to farmers and rural homeowners and a member of the Farm Credit Council, supports the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and highly urges completion of the Farm Bill this year.

While many vital provisions for American agriculture were included in the budget reconciliation law passed last year, many policies – including those impacting credit availability – remain stranded in 2018 and need to be modernized. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide certainty and growth opportunities for farmers, ranchers and rural communities.

The legislation includes provisions for six very important bipartisan marker bills to expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernizes programs and reduces regulatory burdens on producers and their ag lenders. Specifically, this bill will update USDA FSA loan limits and program eligibility programs to reflect agriculture needs today and, in the future – which is very important to AgCredit as we are a preferred lender with FSA – and it will strengthen rural communities by allowing additional financing options for essential community facilities.

With the U. S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, Congress must get Farm Bill 2.0 across the finish line this year! We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026.

As this process continues to advance, we look forward to working closely with you and your staff to secure inclusion of additional measures that have been introduced with

broad bipartisan support, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**AGGEORGIA FARM CREDIT: James R. (Rob) Crain, President and CEO, and R. Brian Grogan, Board Chair (in a letter to the Committee)**

"AgGeorgia Farm Credit supports the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges the Committee to advance a Farm Bill this year. While reconciliation addressed several priorities last year, many credit policies remain anchored to 2018. The Credit title in this bill takes meaningful steps to modernize FSA loan limits and program eligibility, and it appropriately empowers Farm Credit institutions to help finance essential community facilities that underpin rural vitality.

As you finalize the package, we respectfully urge inclusion of two additional, bipartisan measures that are especially important to Farm Credit institutions and the producers we serve: The Farm Credit Adjustment Act, to provide exam cycle flexibility for well managed, low risk Farm Credit institutions, allowing them to focus more resources on lending and producer service and; The FARM Home Loans Act, to modernize rural housing eligibility and clarify financing for accessory dwelling units, addressing acute workforce and intergenerational housing needs.

With commodity pressure, interest rate sensitivity, and rural service demands persisting, completing a modernized Farm Bill—and securing these two improvements—will materially strengthen credit availability and community capacity this year.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**AGFIRST FARM CREDIT BANK: Marion Harris, President and CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

"AgFirst Farm Credit Bank supports the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges the Committee to advance a Farm Bill this year. While reconciliation addressed several priorities last year, many credit policies remain anchored to 2018. The Credit title in this bill takes meaningful steps to modernize FSA loan limits and program eligibility, and it appropriately empowers Farm Credit institutions to help finance essential community facilities that underpin rural vitality. As you finalize the package, we respectfully urge inclusion of two additional, bipartisan measures that are especially important to Farm Credit institutions and the producers in the 16 states and territories we

serve: The Farm Credit Adjustment Act, to provide exam cycle flexibility for well-managed, low risk Farm Credit institutions, allowing us to focus more resources on lending and producer service and; The FARM Home Loans Act, to modernize rural housing eligibility and clarify financing for accessory dwelling units, addressing acute workforce and intergenerational housing needs in our territory. With commodity pressure, interest rate sensitivity, and rural service demands persisting, completing a modernized Farm Bill—and securing these two improvements—will materially strengthen credit availability and community capacity this year. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.”

**OKLAHOMA COTTON COUNCIL: Philip Bohl, Chairman**

“Oklahoma Cotton Council supports Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026.”

**AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION, U.S. DAIRY EXPORT COUNCIL, AND U.S. PEANUT FEDERATION (in a letter to the Committee)**

“On behalf of America's peanut, dairy, and soy producers, we write to express our strong support for the inclusion of language in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 base text that advances the use and procurement of American-made Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF) to address global malnutrition.

American farmers play a critical role in producing the high-quality commodities – such as peanuts, milk, soy, and sugar – that form the backbone of RUTF. Today, ingredients used in American-made RUTF are sourced from producers across 27 states and the finished products are manufactured in two U.S. facilities, underscoring the broad geographic and economic footprint this supply chain provides for rural communities. This farm bill language reaffirms the role of American-grown commodities in foreign assistance programs, ensuring U.S. agriculture remains a central partner in efforts to combat severe acute malnutrition worldwide while supporting rural economies here at home.

RUTF is the world's most effective tool for treating children suffering from severe acute malnutrition. At less than \$1 per day, these products can restore a child to health in just a matter of weeks. Strengthening support for these products through the Farm Bill provides greater certainty for producers, processors, and manufacturers who rely on consistent policy direction to maintain and expand production capacity.

We appreciate your leadership in including this provision and look forward to working with you and the Committee to advance this language through the farm bill process so that American agriculture can continue contributing to effective, life-saving nutrition assistance worldwide.”

### **FARM CREDIT OF THE VIRGINIAS: Pete Cypret, CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

“Farm Credit of the Virginias is pleased to support the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges the Committee to advance a Farm Bill this year. As a cooperative, Farm Credit of the Virginias is committed and dedicated to serving farmers and rural communities in 96 counties across Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. As an engaged partner in agriculture, we are invested in and support the long-term success and resilience of agriculture and our rural communities. While important needs were addressed in last year’s budget reconciliation law, many policies need to be modernized, those impacting agricultural credit in particular. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide farmers and rural communities with strength and resilience. The legislation includes various bipartisan marker bills that expand credit availability; especially for those young and beginning farmers; modernizing programs; reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens on both farmers and agricultural lenders. In particular, the bill provides updates to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements which are reflective of today’s agricultural environment. Likewise, the strength that it will provide to rural communities by providing options for essential facilities such as hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing centers, and childcare centers is imperative. We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Farm Credit of the Virginias will continue to work with you and your staff throughout the process. We respectfully urge the inclusion of additional measures that have been introduced with bipartisan support, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act. Thank you for your continued leadership and support of American agriculture, farmers, and rural communities.”

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONALS: Andrew Bray, Senior Vice President Government Relations & Membership**

“The National Association of Landscape Professionals applauds the introduction of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. The landscape industry works daily servicing homes and businesses to maintain their landscapes, sustain the environment, and take pride in our communities by enhancing and maintaining healthy green spaces. We are pleased that the bill addresses overdue policy changes that will better enable the landscape industry to work closely with Federal and State regulatory agencies to care for our customers and the environment.”

### **TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: Eric Mayberry, President**

“We are pleased the House Agriculture Committee has released text for a new farm bill,” said Tennessee Farm Bureau President Eric Mayberry. “Our farmers are in dire need

of assistance and ensuring this essential legislation is updated and includes necessary changes is critical. We appreciate the House Agriculture Committee's efforts, and we urge them to move forward in a bipartisan manner to get a new farm bill passed."

**AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Michael Q. Bailey, President**

"A Farm Bill that incorporates the veterinary profession's priorities is vital to protecting and advancing the nation's public and animal health infrastructure. The AVMA's sustained advocacy and work with lawmakers and stakeholder groups has led to the inclusion of provisions that would strengthen dog importation standards, bolster the nation's animal and public health infrastructure, and recruit and retain veterinarians in rural and underserved communities. As the legislative process continues, we look forward to working with Congress and strongly urge lawmakers to pass a Farm Bill that includes veterinary priorities."

**FARM CREDIT OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA: Stacy Sikes, President and CEO**

"Farm Credit of Northwest Florida is pleased to express our strong support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and encourages Congress to complete the Farm Bill this year. While last year's budget reconciliation law included several important provisions for U.S. agriculture, many critical policies—particularly those affecting credit access—remain tied to outdated 2018 authorities and require modernization. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will bring much-needed certainty and expanded opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and the rural communities we serve. We are especially encouraged that the legislation incorporates provisions from six bipartisan marker bills aimed at expanding access to credit for young and beginning farmers, updating program requirements, and reducing regulatory burdens on producers and their agricultural lenders. Notably, the bill would modernize Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and eligibility criteria to better reflect today's farm economy. It would also strengthen rural communities by broadening financing options for essential facilities such as hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing centers, and childcare programs. Given the ongoing challenges facing the U.S. farm economy and rural America, it is critical that Congress advance Farm Bill 2.0 without delay. We respectfully urge the Committee to move forward by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. As the process moves forward, we are supportive of Farm Credit Council staff working closely with you and your team to ensure the inclusion of additional bipartisan measures, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act. Thank you for your leadership and your continued commitment to the farmers, ranchers, and rural communities who power our nation."

**MINNESOTA STATE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Kaitlyn Root, Executive Director**

"The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association is grateful for the efforts to strengthen the American agricultural industry through the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. We especially appreciate the language around improving conservation program implementation, enhancing animal disease traceability initiatives and custom processing improvements."

**GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES: Travis Jones, President and CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

"On behalf of our Association and the rural communities we serve, we write to express our strong support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 ("Farm Bill 2026") and to urge Congress to complete a farm bill this year.

American agriculture continues to operate in an environment defined by volatility—rising input costs, tight margins, workforce challenges, and growing capital needs. While certain agricultural priorities were addressed through last year's budget reconciliation process, many core policies affecting producers and rural lenders remain outdated. Farm Bill 2026 addresses the critical need to modernize policies and bring certainty to enable farmers, ranchers and rural community citizens to move forward with hope for prosperity.

This legislation appropriately focuses on strengthening credit availability, particularly for young, beginning, and underserved producers, while updating loan limits and eligibility requirements to better reflect today's agricultural economy. It also takes important steps to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden and expand financing options for essential rural infrastructure—including healthcare facilities, emergency services, long-term care, and childcare—investments that are fundamental to the long-term viability of rural communities.

With ongoing pressure on the farm economy and continued challenges across rural America, Congress must deliver a modern farm bill this year. Advancing Farm Bill 2026 through your committee and across the finish line is an essential step toward maintaining the strength of American agriculture.

As the legislative process moves forward, we stand ready to work with you and your staff to support inclusion of additional measures that further strengthen the agricultural credit system and rural housing opportunities, including proposals such as the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP: Aaron Field, Director of Private Lands Conservation**

“After too long, it’s great to see momentum toward updating these critical programs. The Farm Bill directly supports wildlife habitat and the hunting and fishing opportunities that depend on healthy working lands. We’d like to thank Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Craig, and Ag Committee members and staff from both parties for their commitment to getting the Farm Bill process back on track.”

**THE SPECIALTY CROP FARM BILL ALLIANCE:**

“The Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance commends Chairman Thompson and his staff for advancing the farm bill process and including key provisions that would enhance the competitiveness of the family farms that produce specialty crops across the United States. This legislation builds on critical investments made by H.R. 1 last year, closely aligns with the priorities of the Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance, and includes some of the most significant enhancements to specialty crop programs in years. At a time when our producers confront unprecedented economic challenges, we are grateful that the Chairman’s bill would require United States Department of Agriculture to create the first-ever Specialty Crop Emergency Assistance Framework. Based on the widely successful CFAP-2 and MASC programs, this framework would establish the parameters of a unique payment structure to compensate specialty crop producers in times of need. Not included in the 2024 version of this legislation, this provision is another clear signal that specialty crops are fundamentally different than row crops and need their own program at USDA for delivering economic aid. Enacting a full five-year farm bill is critical to the continued sustainability of American agriculture and the communities specialty crop producers serve.”

**U.S. RICE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION: Eric Hover, Chairman**

“Passing a strong, bipartisan farm bill is essential to give rice growers the certainty they need to plan acreage, secure operating loans, and manage production and export risks in an increasingly volatile global marketplace. We commend Chairman Thompson and the Agriculture Committee for moving this effort forward and continuing to work on behalf of America’s farmers.”

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF FOREST OWNERS: David Tenny, President and CEO**

“Modern forestry unites both sides of the aisle to ensure our nation’s forests continue providing clean air and water, wildlife habitat, and good-paying rural jobs. Chairman

Thompson's forestry title directly supports the economies and landscapes of America's forested communities by prioritizing strong markets for sustainable wood products and the tools needed to keep them resilient. We thank Chairman Thompson for his forward-thinking forestry title. We look forward to working with the Agriculture Committee and Congress to pass H.R. 7567 as a bipartisan Farm Bill that supports private working forests and the prosperity of rural Americans who depend on them."

**CLEARPATH ACTION: Jeremy Harrell, CEO**

"Agricultural innovation is necessary to ensure the U.S. regains and maintains leadership in agricultural innovation, so that American farmers and ranchers have the most up-to-date tools to increase profitability, expand markets and promote soil health, all while reducing emissions. We applaud Chairman Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for their work towards moving the farm bill forward and prioritizing agricultural research and development."

**U.S. APPLE ASSOCIATION: Jim Bair, President and CEO**

"America's apple growers thank Chairman GT Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for their work to draft a new Farm Bill. We are encouraged that the Chairman's Bill would require USDA to establish a Specialty Crop Emergency Assistance Framework. This approach recognizes the unique economics of apple production and would provide a payment structure that better reflects revenue losses, building on lessons from CFAP-2 and MASC."

**TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION: Jody Bellah, President**

"The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 delivers the certainty and stability that farm families across our state desperately need. For Texas wheat growers, several provisions stand out as particularly meaningful, including enhanced funding for trade promotion and the transfer of Food for Peace authority to USDA, which will enhance program integrity and reinforce the commitment to use U.S.-grown commodities. We commend Chairman Thompson for putting forward this legislation and urge all members to vote yes during markup and House leadership to bring the bill swiftly to the floor."

### **PLAINS COTTON GROWERS: Kody Bessent, CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

“Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. wants to extend our deepest appreciation for everything you have done for our producers since your initial involvement with the House Agriculture Committee. It is a great honor to have worked with you for all these years, and we wanted to commend you on the excellent framework you’ve built for The Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026, commonly referred to as “Farm Bill 2.0.” This bill addresses the provisions of the Farm Bill that weren’t included in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 and enhances them in a way that will have real positive impact on our farm families here in the Texas High Plains. We are especially grateful for the funding increases to the Market Access Program and Foreign Market Development Program, as well as the enhancements you have planned for the Marketing Assistance Loan Program. We commend you for including Rep. Ronny Jackson’s harvest incentive language into this bill. Our producers want to harvest as much of their crop as is economically feasible and a harvest incentive initiative would allow them to retain financial solvency while also providing more fiber to the world. We look forward to the results of the research initiative that Rep. Jackson has proposed regarding harvest incentives. Plains Cotton Growers Inc. is the nonprofit certified producer organization for cotton producers across the High Plains, covering 42 counties in the state of Texas. Our mission is to promote and protect the interests of our producers through legislative advocacy, research funding, product promotion and service. Our producers plant roughly 4 million acres annually and are responsible for 60% of the state’s cotton production and 34% of the nation’s cotton production. Again, PCG extends its sincerest gratitude for the efforts made by Chairman Thompson and the entire House Agriculture Committee on behalf of our nation’s farmers. We strongly encourage all Committee members to support the proposed framework, and we gladly offer our services to the Committee as a resource as you work to provide a better way of life for farm country.”

### **TEXAS FARM CREDIT (in a letter to the Committee):**

“Texas Farm Credit Services is pleased to express its support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges completion of the Farm Bill this year. While vital provisions for U.S. agriculture were included in the budget reconciliation law last year, many policies—including those impacting credit availability—remain outdated and in need of modernization. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide certainty and growth opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. This legislation includes provisions from six important bipartisan marker bills to expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernize programs; and reduce regulatory burdens on producers and their agricultural lenders. Specifically, the bill updates Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements to reflect the realities of agriculture today, and strengthens rural communities by

allowing additional financing options for essential community facilities such as hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers. With the U.S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, Congress must complete the Farm Bill this year. We respectfully urge the Committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. As the legislative process moves forward, we stand ready to work closely with you and your staff to help secure inclusion of additional broadly supported bipartisan measures, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL: Julie Broadway, President**

"The U.S. equine industry strongly supports passage of the comprehensive Farm Bill. Horses and horse-related businesses are tightly woven into the fabric of American agriculture, depending on strong rural communities, access to veterinary care, robust conservation programs, and research that protects animal health and strengthens working lands. This Farm Bill delivers needed stability and modernization across these areas, making its passage essential for our industry and for agriculture as a whole. A key reason for our strong support is the bill's enhancements to the Veterinary Services Grant Program (VSGP) in SEC. 7104. Many equine operations—particularly breeding farms, boarding facilities, training centers, and small family operations—are located in rural areas that face chronic shortages of large-animal veterinarians. These shortages compromise animal health, emergency response capacity, and rural economic vitality. Section 7104 directly addresses these challenges by expanding the purposes of the VSGP to help rural communities attract, retain, and grow veterinary practices. Importantly, the provision authorizes support for relocation costs, essential start-up equipment, and housing or living stipends for veterinary students, interns, externs, fellows, residents, and veterinary technician students. It also requires USDA to establish a streamlined, more accessible application process. These updates will make it easier for rural equine communities to secure the veterinary services they urgently need, strengthening equine health, biosecurity, and emergency preparedness. The Farm Bill also advances another long-standing priority for the equine industry through SEC. 7606, establishing the Commission on National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Modernization. Accurate, transparent agricultural data is essential for informed policymaking, yet current NASS methodologies do not accurately estimate the U.S. horse population or reflect the size and diversity of the equine sector. Section 7606 sets in motion a structured, expert-led process to modernize data collection tools, integrate real-time technology, reduce survey fatigue, and improve collaboration with stakeholders. These reforms are critical to ensuring horses are properly counted and the equine industry is accurately represented in national agricultural statistics. Taken

together, strengthened rural veterinary capacity and modernized agricultural data systems represent transformative progress for the equine sector. Combined with the Farm Bill's broader investments in research, conservation, nutrition, and rural development, these provisions will meaningfully advance the health, stability, and long-term sustainability of the U.S. equine industry. For these reasons—and because the Farm Bill supports the entire agricultural community—we urge swift passage of this legislation.”

**COLONIAL FARM CREDIT: Paul B. Franklin, Sr., CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

“Colonial Farm Credit is pleased to share our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and emphasize the importance of completing the Farm Bill this year. We encourage the committee to move forward by marking up and advancing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Colonial Farm Credit remains committed to working with committee members and staff to support inclusion of additional bipartisan measures, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act.”

**AGTEXAS FARM CREDIT SERVICES: Kayla Robinson, Chief Executive Officer**

“AgTexas Farm Credit Services is pleased to share our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges completion of the Farm Bill this year. While vital provisions for U.S. agriculture were included in the budget reconciliation law last year, many policies – including those impacting credit availability – remain stuck in 2018 and need to be modernized. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide certainty and growth opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. This legislation includes provisions from six important bipartisan marker bills to expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernize programs; and reduce regulatory burdens on producers and their ag lenders. Specifically, this bill will update Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements to reflect agriculture needs today, and it will strengthen rural communities by allowing additional financing options for essential community facilities like hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers. With the U.S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, Congress must get Farm Bill 2.0 across the finish line this year. We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. As the process advances, we look forward to working closely with you and your staff to secure inclusion of additional measures that have been introduced with broad bipartisan support, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**USA RICE: Keith Glover, USA Rice Federation Chair, and Fred Zaunbrecher, USA Rice Farmers Chair (in a letter to the committee)**

"On behalf of USA Rice, we write to express our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. We greatly appreciate the hard work and efforts undertaken by the Committee to provide long-term certainty for the U.S. rice industry. Throughout the farm bill process, USA Rice has underscored the need to strengthen and bolster the farm safety net. We are incredibly grateful that the bipartisan Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 sought to make critical investments in the farm safety net, and we applaud Congress for strengthening it in the subsequent One Big Beautiful Bill Act. These investments – particularly in Title I – are vital to ensuring an effective farm safety net going forward that will help maintain the stability of the U.S. rice industry, from our farms and through the rest of the rice value chain. However, much policy work remains to be done across the remaining farm bill titles. Of particular interest in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 is the Committee's focus on commodity-based, in-kind food aid and how Food for Peace is administered. USA Rice has long supported legislative efforts to significantly reform U.S. international food aid and transfer the administration of Food for Peace to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). USDA has a strong track record of procuring U.S. rice through the international food assistance programs it already administers, and we are confident that permanently transferring the Food for Peace authorities to USDA will benefit the U.S. rice industry. Additionally, by further prioritizing food over cash, these programs not only help U.S. farmers by purchasing U.S. commodities rather than competitors', but they also ensure the U.S. maintains one of its most effective and affordable foreign diplomacy initiatives. It also helps maintain domestic political support for U.S. food aid to help those around the globe who are in need of our assistance. Last, but certainly not least, we support the continued focus on voluntary, incentive-based, and locally led conservation; the modernization of current limits on Farm Service Agency ownership and operating loans; and efforts to deliver regulatory reform and restore transparency and science to the Federal government. There are several other provisions that could benefit the U.S. rice industry, and we look forward to working with you on this front as the process moves forward. The passage of a multi-year farm bill is important for rice producers and the entire U.S. rice industry, especially amid the current economic conditions the agriculture community is facing and the uncertainty ahead. Again, we appreciate the Committee's hard work and commitment to the U.S. rice industry through the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. USA Rice supports the passage of this legislation and stands ready to work with each of you to finalize the remaining sections of the farm bill. USA Rice is grateful to you both for your years of

friendship and strong support and leadership for American agriculture, including America's rice farmers and the entire industry."

**SOUTHEASTERN LUMBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION:**

"The Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (SLMA) welcomes the strong forestry title in the House Agriculture Committee's Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.R. 7567). This legislation is instrumental to the US wood products industry's efforts to support rural economies, encourage healthy forest management, and foster valuable public-private partnerships. Notably, the continued support for the Wood Innovation Grant (WIG) program helps advance the commercialization potential of mass timber throughout the Southeast and across the country. SLMA would like to thank Chairman Thompson and House Agriculture Committee staff for their hard work in crafting this legislation, which could not come at a more critical time for our industry."

**NATIONAL RURAL LENDERS ASSOCIATION: Clint Spruill, Chair**

"The National Rural Lenders Association and its member organizations welcome the introduction of H.R. 7567, The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. "Since the beginning of his tenure, Chairman Thompson and his staff have provided an open door and listening ear to the lender community, and H.R. 7567 reflects a true response toward advancing the availability of credit to rural America!"

**THE REIMAGINING RURAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK (RRAN) COALITION: the Appalachian Community Capital (ACC), Communities Unlimited (CU), Housing Assistance Council (HAC), International Economic Development Council (IEDC), National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA CLUSA), North Carolina Rural Center Partners for Rural Transformation (PRT), Region Five Development Commission, Resource Rural, California Center for Rural Policy, and Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)**

"The Reimagining Rural Assistance Network (RRAN) is a coalition of rural development advocates, experts and practitioners seeking to improve rural America's economic prosperity. The core of our work is to ensure rural communities' economic competitiveness by advocating for federal and state policy that supports the people, infrastructure and economic wellbeing in and of rural places, guided by local voices and local leaders. The comments below focus exclusively on section 6306 of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (Farm Bill 2026); this letter does not comment on any other part of the Farm Bill 2026 or the Farm Bill 2026 as a whole. We appreciate yours and the committee's recognition of the need for greater technical assistance and capacity building in Rural America with a focus on Tribal, persistent poverty, and

underserved communities in section 6306 of the Farm Bill 2026. Technical assistance and capacity building are critical to bridging resource and infrastructure gaps to complete and implement projects in rural, economically distressed, and persistent poverty communities. We look forward to working with the House Agriculture Committee and the entire Congress to build on this language around technical assistance and capacity building as the Farm Bill 2026 proceeds through the House of Representatives and Congress. RRAN appreciates the recognition of the importance of capacity building and technical assistance, especially in areas of rural, underserved, unserved, economically distressed, persistent poverty, and Native areas in section 6306. Rural places and the people living in them are the backbone of America's economy, fundamental to our supply chains, and integral to our national security. Not only do the people working in agricultural, manufacturing, healthcare, insurance, small business and other labor-related industries require places to work, they also need access to quality homes, education centers, childcare centers and healthcare and community facilities that are crucial to rural and Tribal communities. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the rural, Tribal, persistent poverty, and underserved communities. We stand ready as a resource as you continue work on the Farm Bill 2026."

#### **RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP: Olga Morales-Pate, CEO**

"The Rural Community Assistance Partnership applauds your continued leadership on ensuring that a much-needed Farm Bill comes to fruition. RCAP is a national network of nonprofit technical assistance providers serving small, rural, Tribal, and disadvantaged communities across all fifty states and U.S. territories. RCAP, through its six regions, has served Rural America for more than fifty years, including the most remote and disadvantaged areas. Each year, our network works directly with thousands of small communities that rely on the USDA Rural Development programs as a pathway to financing essential water, waste, broadband, and community infrastructure. The infrastructure deployed through USDA Rural Development (RD) financing programs is needed to support rural people, healthcare providers, producers, and businesses. Rural and tribal communities have benefited from access to RD-funded technical assistance providers, such as RCAP, resulting in more success in planning and seeking financing for infrastructure projects, higher compliance rates, and more sustainable system management. Technical assistance is essential for ensuring successful completion of projects in the communities with the greatest need. We are pleased that the proposed Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (Farm Bill 2026) not only reauthorizes the programs so critical to rural communities and Tribal nations but also includes changes and tools to improve them. The proposed new financing options for distressed water systems in Section 6403 and expanded eligible purposes for decentralized systems in Section 6407 are welcome additions. We are encouraged by the Committee's acknowledgement of the need for expanded technical assistance

and capacity building in rural areas, particularly in underserved and distressed areas. Both are essential to ensuring strong local economies that drive a stronger national economy. RCAP urges the committee to consider strengthening and expanding technical assistance and capacity building provisions to meet the needs of rural and tribal communities, as well as the residents, businesses, farmers and ranchers they support and serve. We look forward to working with the House Agriculture Committee and the entire Congress to build on this language around technical assistance and capacity building as the Farm Bill 2026 proceeds through the House of Representatives and Congress."

### **HIGH PLAINS FARM CREDIT: Kevin D. Swayne President and CEO (a letter to the Committee)**

"High Plains Farm Credit is pleased to share our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges completion of the Farm Bill this year. The Farm Bill plays an essential role in providing stability for America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. The draft text reflects a thoughtful approach to strengthening the farm safety net, improving risk management tools, supporting conservation efforts, and ensuring rural economies remain resilient amid ongoing market uncertainty, rising input costs, and global challenges. As you know, the last full Farm Bill passed in 2018, and while we appreciate that the work done in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act last year provided help to many producers, completion of the remaining Farm Bill titles is necessary to finish that work. This legislation includes provisions from six important bipartisan marker bills to expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernize programs; and reduce regulatory burdens on producers and their ag lenders. Specifically, this bill will update Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements to reflect agriculture needs today, and it will strengthen rural communities by allowing additional financing options for essential community facilities like hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers. The remaining programs included in this legislation make up over 800 pages of improvements and enhancements providing certainty for your constituents during a time when trade and the agricultural markets are particularly challenging. With the U.S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, Congress must get Farm Bill 2.0 across the finish line this year. We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. As the process advances, we look forward to working closely with you and your staff to secure inclusion of additional measures that have been introduced with broad bipartisan support, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act. Thank you for your time, service, and commitment to agriculture and rural America."

## **WESTERN AG CROP INSURANCE SERVICES: Todd Snider and Grayson Stewart, Crop Insurance Agents (a letter to the Committee)**

“On behalf of the crop insurance industry and the private-sector partners who work every day to serve America's farmers and ranchers, I write to express my strong support for your leadership of the House Committee on Agriculture and our continued commitment to working with you to protect and strengthen our nation's risk management system.

Crop insurance remains the cornerstone of the agricultural safety net. It provides producers with reliable, market-based protection against weather, market volatility, and other uncontrollable risks, while safeguarding taxpayers through a proven public-private partnership. Under your leadership, the Committee has consistently recognized the value of this system and the importance of preserving its integrity, accessibility, and financial soundness.

I greatly appreciate the constructive and collaborative relationship that has developed between the Committee and the crop insurance delivery system. Your openness to stakeholder input and your commitment to practical, producer-focused policy have helped ensure that crop insurance continues to meet the needs of farmers across all regions, crops, and farm sizes.

As Congress considers future farm policy, agents stand ready to work with you to strengthen and modernize crop insurance in ways that expand participation, improve affordability, and maintain widespread availability. We applaud your commitment to ensuring that the program remains economically viable for private-sector investment while delivering dependable protection to producers nationwide.

The public-private partnership that underpins crop insurance is a model of effective governance and responsible stewardship. It combines federal oversight and support with private-sector efficiency, innovation, and customer service. Preserving this partnership is essential to maintaining a strong, resilient agricultural economy and a secure domestic food supply.

I want to offer continued collaboration with you and the Committee in advancing policies that promote risk management, financial stability, and long-term sustainability for American agriculture.

Thank you for your leadership and for your ongoing commitment to farmers, ranchers, and the institutions that support them.”

**CROP INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION: William Cole, Chairman**

“On behalf of the Crop Insurance Professionals Association (CIPA), we commend the strong, bipartisan support for Federal Crop Insurance – the cornerstone of the farm safety net. We greatly appreciate the significant recent improvements to Federal Crop Insurance that sprang up from this bipartisan support. The Farm Bill 2.0's crop insurance provisions continue to build on these advancements and we are grateful and pleased to support the Committee's latest efforts.”

**SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF AGRIBUSINESS: Barry Evans, President**

“The Southwest Council of Agribusiness (SWCA) is pleased to support Chairman Thompson's Farm Bill 2.0. We are grateful for the strong, bipartisan support that the Committee has shown for struggling farm and ranch families, including those in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, and Colorado, the footprint of the SWCA's membership which is comprised of farm and ranch organizations, agricultural lenders, and Main Street business that recognize how critical agriculture is to rural communities. We are extraordinarily grateful to all of the Members of the Committee for the economic aid, disaster relief, and strengthened farm safety net provisions without which we shudder to think what the economic landscape in rural America would look like today. We extend our heartfelt thank you.”

**COTTON WAREHOUSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA: Ray Doroff, Chairman**

“The Cotton Warehouse Association of America (CWAA) greatly appreciates the ongoing efforts of the House Agriculture Committee to support the U.S. cotton sector, including the economic relief for producers, the improvements to the farm safety net for farmers made last year, the response to natural disasters, as well as the work underway to complete the Farm Bill process through the development and passage of Farm Bill 2.0. Among other things, the legislation helps ensure that loan operations do not continue to come to a halt each time there is an appropriations funding impasse. This interruption in the loan program for crops is detrimental to the entire U.S. agriculture sector and greatly harms the ordinary marketing of commodities, including cotton. We're grateful this issue and many other needs are addressed in the Farm Bill 2.0. We hope the measure, which gleans good policy goals offered by Members on both sides of the aisle, earns strong, bipartisan support.”

**NORTHARVEST BEAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION: Tony Richards, President**

“Northarvest Bean Growers Association supports moving the Farm Bill 2.0 process forward. Chairman Thompson has put together a good bill, with provisions from lawmakers on both sides of the political aisle in keeping with Committee tradition. Two things in the legislation that are extremely important to Northarvest include the transfer of Food for Peace from State to USDA and the emphasis on U.S. food aid rather than cash aid. Dry bean producers have been struggling with depressed prices, a glut of inventory, impediments to trade, and a sharp drop off in domestic procurement in recent years despite the enormous health benefits of dry beans. The two food aid provisions alone will help Northarvest farm families and all those around the world who look to the United States for food aid in troubled times.”

**MONTANA GRAIN GROWERS ASSOCIATION: Steve Sheffels, President**

“Thank you Chairman Thompson for bringing forward the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Here in Montana, our farmers need stability that this legislation can provide. We are hopeful of a swift passage during markup and look forward to the bill going to the floor!”

**WESTERN PEANUT GROWERS ASSOCIATION: Otis Johnson, President**

“The Western Peanut Growers Association urges the House Agriculture Committee to pass Farm Bill 2.0 to complete the Farm Bill reauthorization process and provide some certainty over the next six years. We add our gratitude to the Members of the Committee on both sides of the aisle for the economic aid, the disaster relief, the improvements to the farm safety net, and all the other action you are taking to help farm and ranch families stay in business. Times are extremely difficult right now and we are grateful to you.”

**AMERICAN SHEEP INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION: Ben Lehfelddt, President**

“The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) supports the timely reauthorization of a comprehensive five-year Farm Bill that emphasizes the need for long term stability while benefiting America's livestock producers. A five-year Farm Bill provides the predictability and certainty our producers need. Sheep producers, like all of agriculture, rely on stable farm policy to make long-term business decisions and we look forward to working with the committee on development of a risk management program to strengthen our industry. ASI appreciates the progress made last year in the One Big Beautiful Bill on behalf of farmers and ranchers and looks forward to continuing those advancements in

the 2026 Farm Bill. The sheep industry continues to face severe challenges from lamb imports, and we support Chairman Thompson's and the committee's efforts to strengthen trade, conservation, research, and animal health provisions in the bill that benefit livestock agriculture. Livestock and sheep producers operate in a global marketplace facing volatile input costs, labor challenges, weather extremes, and trade uncertainty. A stable and forward-looking Farm Bill that tackles these issues helps ensure producers can continue supplying high-quality American lamb and wool.”

**FLORIDA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: Jeb S. Smith, President**

“Florida Farm Bureau Federation appreciates Chairman Glenn “GT” Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for advancing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. America's farmers and ranchers have been operating under an extension of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 for far too long, and the need for an updated, modernized farm bill is urgent. Florida agriculture has faced historic hurricanes, catastrophic freezes, citrus greening, rising input costs, and increasing global competition. This proposal makes meaningful improvements to the farm safety net, strengthens crop insurance, enhances disaster assistance for specialty crop producers, and increases investment in plant pest and disease mitigation — all critical priorities for our state's citrus, vegetable, sugarcane, peanut, cotton, forestry, and livestock producers. We also appreciate the bill's significant expansion of international trade promotion programs like Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development Program (FMD), which help Florida growers compete in export markets, as well as increased funding for Specialty Crop Block Grants and conservation programs that protect water quality while keeping farmers productive. Improvements to credit programs and risk management tools better reflect today's land values and cost environment, providing needed certainty for the next generation of producers. Importantly, this legislation builds on the major strides made last year through the “One Big Beautiful Bill,” which strengthened core safety-net programs and demonstrated bipartisan recognition that agriculture policy must reflect modern economic realities. The momentum created in 2025 should carry forward to final passage this Congress. Florida farmers cannot afford further delay. The challenges facing agriculture: from foreign competition to weather disasters, demand certainty and stability. We urge Congress to act swiftly to pass a comprehensive farm bill in the 119th Congress and deliver the long-overdue policy framework America's farmers need to continue feeding, fueling, and clothing our nation.”

**NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBERRY COUNCIL: Kasey Cronquist, President**

“The North American Blueberry Council commends Chair Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for advancing farm bill legislation that strengthens the safety net for specialty crop producers, enhances the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture and builds upon the critical investments made in H.R. 1 last year. Blueberries are a permanent crop requiring significant upfront capital investment and years of care before reaching full production, making effective and predictable risk management essential to long-term viability. The bill's improvements to the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), including a prepayment option and recognition of fields that are no longer economically viable, will provide more practical and timely support for growers recovering from catastrophic losses. Coupled with enhancements to federal crop insurance and the establishment of a Specialty Crop Emergency Assistance Framework, these provisions represent important steps toward a more reliable, responsive safety net that helps U.S. blueberry growers remain competitive.”

**FLORIDA CITRUS MUTUAL: Matt Joyner, Executive Vice President and CEO**

"Florida's citrus growers wholeheartedly applaud U.S. House Committee on Agriculture Chairman Glenn "GT" Thompson, Florida Congresswoman Kat Cammack and members of the House Agriculture Committee for their leadership in delivering a strong Farm Bill and demonstrating their commitment to advancing it. Moving the bill through the legislative process is essential to enhance disaster assistance, boost investment in pests and disease mitigation and reauthorize the Citrus Disease Subcommittee -- all critical tools to support the recovery and resilience of Florida's iconic citrus industry."

**MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: Jacob Smith, Associate National Legislative Council**

“Michigan Farm Bureau supports this bill and looks forward to working with Congress to get it passed.”

**ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION: Jimmy Parnell, President**

“Alabama farmers greatly appreciate the historic improvements to the farm safety net provided by H.R. 1. It is now time to finish the job of passing a full, five-year farm bill. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act will provide certainty for producers, stability for our food supply, and lend to national security that benefits all Americans. We commend Chairman Thompson for bringing such strong bill for the committee's consideration and encourage all members to support passage.”

### **AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB: Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary & VP, Government Relations**

“The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization that is the world's largest registry of purebred and mixed-breed dogs, and a leading voice for canine welfare and responsible ownership, lauds the draft language in the House 2026 Farm Bill – the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 that supports animal welfare and protections for dogs and their owners.

This measure reauthorizes key U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs for five years and typically serves as a vehicle to address federal priorities in the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

The American Kennel Club Executive Secretary & VP Government Relations Sheila Goffe commented, “We appreciate the extraordinary effort and bi-partisan efforts of House Agriculture Chairman G.T. Thompson and his staff in presenting a bill that not only supports crucial U.S. Agricultural programs, but also supports important priorities for dog enthusiasts including canine health, welfare and the rights of responsible dog owners.”

### **THE HARDWOOD FEDERATION: Dana Lee Cole, Executive Director**

“The U.S. hardwood industry will benefit from the many forest products related programs found in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 including essential export promotion initiatives, Community Wood Facilities and Wood Innovation Grants, the Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels Program, codification of biomass carbon neutrality, and potential funding for training future wood products industry workers. The U.S. hardwood industry is an essential economic driver in rural communities and is often overlooked as an integral part of the agricultural sector. The Federation is pleased the Act recognizes the importance of this vital industry and we encourage speedy review, consideration, and passage.”

### **MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: Dan Glessing, President**

“The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 provides critical stability for farmers and ranchers navigating record input costs and years of low commodity prices. This legislation strengthens risk management tools, expands market opportunities, invests in conservation and research, expands programming for specialty crops and supports rural communities right here in Minnesota and across the nation. Modernizing these programs is key to safeguarding our nation's food supply and ensuring family farms can continue producing safe, affordable food. We urge members of the House Agriculture Committee to advance this legislation.”

**ALMOND ALLIANCE: Alexi Rodriguez, President and CEO**

"On behalf of the Almond Alliance, I am writing to express our strong support for the Farm Bill under consideration by the House Committee on Agriculture. Our alliance represents almond growers, processors, and stakeholders who are deeply invested in the future of U.S. agriculture and committed to responsible and innovative farming practices. We appreciate the Committee's dedication to addressing the challenges faced by farmers across the nation. The Farm Bill remains a cornerstone of agricultural policy that provides essential support and resources to our agricultural community."

**NATIONAL TURKEY FEDERATION:**

"The National Turkey Federation (NTF) applauds Chairman Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for releasing a comprehensive Farm Bill that provides stability and certainty to our nation's turkey producers. From strengthening critical animal health programs to expanding market access, this bill ensures producers will have access to critical tools that promote resilience and growth."

**THE FOREST LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION: Scott Jones, CEO**

"The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 includes important provisions that support policies and programs needed to keep America's private working forests healthy, productive, and resilient. By improving disaster recovery tools like the Emergency Forest Restoration Program and reauthorizing and modernizing Wood Innovation Grants, this legislation helps provide timber producers and family forestry businesses with the certainty, markets, and practical tools they need to keep working forests as forests. These policies recognize the essential role private landowners and timber producers play in sustaining rural economies, supporting wildlife habitat, protecting clean water, and maintaining a reliable domestic wood supply. We urge Congress to advance and pass this legislation with bipartisan support so landowners and timber producers have the certainty they need to overcome the mounting challenges facing working forests nationwide."

**FARM CREDIT BANK OF TEXAS: Brandon Blaut, CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

"Farm Credit Bank of Texas appreciates the opportunity to express our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (the "Farm Bill") and encourages Congress to complete work on the legislation this year. As part of the nationwide cooperative Farm Credit System, Farm Credit Bank of Texas serves as one of the System's four funding banks and operates as a federated cooperative owned by

twelve retail lending cooperatives. We are encouraged that the Farm Bill includes bipartisan measures to expand credit availability, raise Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits, modernize eligibility requirements, reduce regulatory burdens, and strengthen the ability of agricultural lenders to serve rural communities. These updates reflect the realities of modern agriculture and will create meaningful opportunities for growth across farming, ranching, and rural America. Given the ongoing pressures facing the U.S. farm economy and rural communities, timely passage of the Farm Bill is essential. We respectfully urge the Committee to advance the legislation through markup and passage. As the process continues, Farm Credit Bank of Texas looks forward to working with you to support the inclusion of additional bipartisan measures, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**AMERICAN BIOGAS COUNCIL: Heather Dzedzic, Vice President of Policy**

"The American Biogas Council (ABC) commends Chairman Thompson for his continued leadership in advancing farmers' priorities through the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. A robust Energy Title - including continued support for and expansion of the Rural Energy for America Program - is essential to diversify farm incomes, strengthen rural economies, and increase domestic energy production. We strongly support the recognition of anaerobic digestion within the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production programs, transforming food waste into energy and domestic fertilizers. We also applaud continued efforts to explore innovative new markets for farmers and domestic biofuel producers, like SAF. We urge Congress to move forward with a modernized Farm Bill that delivers durable policy certainty and long-term opportunity for rural America. The ABC looks forward to continued collaboration with Congress to pass a comprehensive, bipartisan Farm Bill."

**BREEDLOVE FOODS, INC: Bill Miller, CEO**

"Breedlove Foods applauds the House Agriculture Committee for its leadership in advancing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. This legislation reflects a strong commitment to stewardship, accountability, and compassion by ensuring the International Food Relief Partnership maintains its purchasing power through an inflation adjustment and rightfully placing Food for Peace within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where it can operate in close partnership with American farmers. By strengthening these programs, Congress is reinforcing the vital link between U.S. agriculture and the fight against global hunger, demonstrating that America's farmers are not only the backbone of our economy, but also a force for good in the world."

Delivering American-grown food to communities in crisis not only saves lives but also advances stability abroad and helps make the United States safer at home.”

**FMI - THE FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION: Jennifer Hatcher, Chief Public Policy Officer & Senior Vice President, Government Relations**

“FMI – The Food Industry Association strongly supports advancing a new, five-year Farm Bill and commends Chairman Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for releasing legislative text and moving forward with markup of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. For decades, FMI and our members have worked closely with the House Agriculture Committee and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to strengthen America’s food and agriculture system. Our industry represents the full breadth of the food supply chain – from retailers that sell to consumers, to wholesalers and producers that supply food and other products – all of whom play a vital role in supporting our nation’s farmers, keeping shelves stocked, and ensuring families in every community have access to safe, affordable, and nutritious food. Nutrition assistance programs, including SNAP and WIC, are a critical component of that system. FMI retailer members serve as proud partners in administering these programs, facilitating benefits for millions of households while helping ensure a consistent, efficient SNAP experience nationwide. Our shared commitment to reducing food insecurity and strengthening food security remains a cornerstone of our longstanding partnership. We are particularly encouraged by several provisions in the Committee’s proposal, including: SNAP Online Permanence (Sec. 4111), which would codify the SNAP Online Purchasing Program as a permanent, nationwide program. Aligning statute with the program’s current national scale would provide regulatory certainty for retailers and SNAP households alike, while supporting modern purchasing options that reflect today’s marketplace. • Expanded Produce Eligibility under GusNIP (Sec. 4303), allowing all forms of fruits and vegetables – including frozen, canned, and dried – to qualify for incentives. This update would improve year-round access, reduce spoilage, better reflect typical shopping patterns, and expand opportunities for retailers and consumers to access nutrient dense foods. • Extension of the SNAP EBT Retailer Fee Prohibition (Sec. 4102), which protects retailers from EBT processing fees and helps preserve the program’s operational efficiency; and • SNAP EBT Chip Card Migration and Transaction Security (Sec. 4108), which supports modernization efforts to enhance transaction security and program integrity. These provisions reflect a practical understanding of how nutrition programs operate in real-world retail environments and reinforce the importance of a stable, modern, and efficient SNAP framework. FMI strongly supports the Committee’s efforts to move forward with a five-year reauthorization and looks forward to continuing to work constructively with policymakers as the legislative process advances. Our members remain committed to serving as partners to ensure that farm and nutrition policies remain practical to implement, scalable across diverse retail

settings, and aligned with our shared goal of ensuring Americans continue to have access to the safest, most affordable, nutritious, and abundant food supply in the world."

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FARM CREDIT: Paxton W. Poitevint, President and CEO, and Rex LaDon Durham, Board Chair (in a letter to the Committee)**

"Southwest Georgia Farm Credit supports the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges the Committee to advance a Farm Bill this year. While reconciliation addressed several priorities last year, many credit policies remain anchored to 2018. The Credit title in this bill takes meaningful steps to modernize FSA loan limits and program eligibility, and it appropriately empowers Farm Credit institutions to help finance essential community facilities that underpin rural vitality. As you finalize the package, we respectfully urge inclusion of two additional, bipartisan measures that are especially important to Farm Credit institutions and the producers in the 16 states and territories we serve: • The Farm Credit Adjustment Act, to provide exam cycle flexibility for well managed, low risk Farm Credit institutions, allowing us to focus more resources on lending and producer service. • The FARM Home Loans Act, to modernize rural housing eligibility and clarify financing for accessory dwelling units, addressing acute workforce and intergenerational housing needs in our territory. With commodity pressure, interest rate sensitivity, and rural service demands persisting, completing a modernized Farm Bill—and securing these two improvements—will materially strengthen credit availability and community capacity this year. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**INDIANA FARM BUREAU: Randy Kron, President**

"As Indiana farmers head into a new planting season soon, the passage of a modernized farm bill is sorely needed to ease worries of continued low crop prices, high input costs and trade uncertainty. Indiana Farm Bureau strongly urges the House Agriculture Committee to pass a bipartisan Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 as soon as possible to address those needs for our farmers who produce the food, fuel and fiber our economy depends on. We're hopeful this legislation will help provide some certainty and support progress in the ag industry for years to come."

**INDIANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION: Dan Boritt, Executive Director**

"The 'Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026' is a vital win for Indiana's outdoors. By enshrining a strong system of conservation for working lands and providing permanent certainty for funding, it ensures that Hoosier farmers will continue to lead in

protecting wildlife habitat. By expanding public access for hunters, it ensures the long-term health of the private lands that allow Indiana's wildlife to thrive in a chaotic world."

**YOSEMITE FARM CREDIT: Tracey Sparks, President and CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

"On behalf of Yosemite Farm Credit, ACA, a farm credit association based in the Central Valley of California, I write to express support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and to urge completion of the Farm Bill this year.

While many provisions vital to U.S. agriculture were included in the budget reconciliation law last year, many policies – including those impacting credit availability – remain stuck in 2018 and need to be modernized. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide certainty and growth opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.

This legislation includes provisions from six crucial bipartisan marker bills to: expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernize programs; and reduce regulatory burdens on producers and their ag lenders. Specifically, this bill will update Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements to reflect agriculture needs today, and it will strengthen rural communities by allowing additional financing options for essential community facilities like hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers.

With the U.S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, it is vital for Congress to get Farm Bill 2.0 across the finish line this year. We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026.

As the process advances, we look forward to working closely with you and your staff to secure inclusion of additional measures that have been introduced with broad bipartisan support, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

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term health of the private lands that allow Indiana's wildlife to thrive in a chaotic world.”

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONVENIENCE STORES: Margaret Mannion, Director, Government Relations**

“The National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) thanks Chairman Thompson, the House Agriculture Committee, and staff for their hard work in developing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. A new Farm Bill is critically needed by many, including the thousands of SNAP retailers in the convenience industry who serve their communities every day. Specifically, NACS applauds lawmakers for including a permanent prohibition on EBT processing fees. Making this longstanding policy permanent provides certainty for retailers, keeps costs down, and ultimately protects food access for those on SNAP who need it most. NACS looks forward to working with lawmakers to see this Farm Bill enacted into law.”

**GLOBAL COLD CHAIN ALLIANCE: Sara Stickler, President and CEO**

“The cold chain industry is proud to support American farmers and food producers as they expand into global markets. As the U.S. continues to open these new markets, it is clear there is significant demand for high-quality American produce. But we have also seen that export growth can stall and post-harvest food waste is high when receiving countries lack adequate logistics infrastructure — especially at ports and in warehousing and transportation. We're pleased the Committee is taking this challenge seriously. Through our Foundation, the GCCA has spent decades helping countries build cold chain infrastructure, mentoring and strengthening local logistics businesses. Those investments consistently translate into greater export opportunities for U.S. agriculture. We appreciate Chairman Thompson and the bipartisan sponsors; Representatives Randy Feenstra (R-IA), Jim Costa (D-CA), Tracey Mann (R-KS), and Salud Carbajal (D-CA); for working to include these provisions in the FRIDGE Act. The latest version of the bill is a significant improvement and offers much-needed certainty around funding for this important work. We urge all Committee members to back the bill and look forward to supporting its passage through the House and Senate in the coming months.”

**NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY: Felice Stadler, Vice President, U.S. Government Affairs**

“We are encouraged to see forward momentum on the Farm Bill and negotiations beginning in earnest, and we thank the Chairman for introducing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Advancing a conservation-forward Farm Bill is a top priority for the National Audubon Society. Across the country, Audubon partners with

farmers, ranchers, and foresters to ensure they have the resources and technical support needed to invest in privately managed lands in ways that improve grazing opportunities, enhance habitat for birds, strengthen soil health and water quality, generate income for landowners, and keep working lands productive across rural America. We stand ready to work with Congress to ensure conservation programs remain robust and accessible, meet the evolving needs of farmers, ranchers, and foresters, and help reverse the decline of America's grassland and forest birds."

### **FIRST SOUTH FARM CREDIT: Gines Pérez, President and CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

"First South Farm Credit appreciates the enormous work put into the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. First South is supportive of the legislation and urges completion of the Farm Bill this year. As each of you are astutely aware, the agricultural economy, and especially the row crop sector, needs help.

First South Farm Credit is a customer owned institution committed to providing sound, dependable credit and financial services to eligible borrowers across Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. As part of the congressionally created Farm Credit System, we are dedicated to supporting rural communities and agriculture with reliable and consistent access to credit and financial services, today and tomorrow.

Many of the critical provisions of the "Farm Bill" were implemented in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act in 2025, and many of our members are already benefiting from the increased investment in agriculture. Still, there are provisions of the "Farm Bill" specific to Farm Credit that we hope to see signed into law this year. Though these provisions are specific to Farm Credit, they have an enormous impact on our cooperative members.

The Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026 will increase guaranteed loan limits at FSA, giving a boost of support to Young, Beginning, and Small farmers. Additionally, the legislation provides clarity around the regulator of the Farm Credit System, ensuring an independent safety and soundness regulator. This reduces confusion and regulatory burden for system institutions like ours.

First South also hopes to see the Farm Credit Adjustment Act become part of this legislation. This is a deregulatory initiative that will reduce costs to First South members by giving the Farm Credit Administration flexibility in exam schedules. We also hope to see the FARM Home Loans Act adopted as it will allow us to better serve rural communities across Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi through updating population parameters.

Thank you again for all your work for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across America."

**NATIONAL ONION ASSOCIATION: Greg Yielding, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive**

“The National Onion Association voices its strong support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 advanced by the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, highlighting expanded export funding and a major new investment in specialty crop research. If passed, it would become the Farm Bill, which Congress must renew every five years. The legislation supports USDA programs ranging from agricultural policy, conservation, rural development, and nutrition programs, with a strong focus on enhancing food supply resilience and national security. The legislation would directly increase funding for the Market Access Program (MAP), which would help U.S. specialty crop growers expand exports and compete in global markets. For onion producers, export promotion is essential to maintaining demand, supporting farm income, and strengthening rural economies. The bill also would provide \$30 million annually to establish a new Specialty Crop Mechanization and Automation Research and Extension Program and strengthens the Specialty Crop Research Initiative by allowing the U.S. Department of Agriculture to waive matching fund requirements when appropriate. These provisions will accelerate the development of technologies that improve efficiency, address labor challenges, and enhance the competitiveness of American specialty crop growers. This \$30 million investment in specialty crop mechanization and automation research is a significant and forward-looking commitment to the future of our industry. This funding will help deliver practical solutions for growers, strengthen our domestic food supply, and ensure U.S. specialty crop producers remain competitive for years to come. In addition, the legislation continues to support voluntary, incentive-based conservation programs that provide farmers with financial and technical assistance to improve soil health, protect water quality, and enhance natural resources while maintaining productivity. The National Onion Association commends members of House Agriculture Committee for advancing legislation that expands market opportunities, prioritizes research, and supports the long-term success of specialty crop growers.”

**LAND TRUST ALLIANCE: Lori Faeth, Senior Director of Government Relations**

“The Land Trust Alliance commends House Agriculture Committee Chair GT Thompson (R-Pa.) for releasing Farm Bill text that reflects many of the Land Trust Alliance's highest priorities, including retaining the historic investment in the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program and provisions that would allow more landowners to participate in ACEP by increasing the federal share to 65% for most transactions. The text recognizes land trusts' expertise by granting certified land trusts a streamlined path to administer easements and minimize administrative burdens on the Secretary. Together, these and other inclusions constitute a huge step toward providing consistency and certainty for

landowners to leverage limited agency resources and grant flexibility that allows for the long-term care of easements. In addition, we applaud the committee's inclusion of a stand-alone Forest Conservation Easement Program with mandatory funding. This program will fill a critical gap in the conservation of working forested lands and help keep them intact and sustainably managed, providing numerous economic and environmental benefits to rural and urban communities. The Land Trust Alliance and its nearly 1,000 member land trusts recognize the importance of the Farm Bill in helping farmers, ranchers and foresters conserve and enhance their working lands, and we look forward to continuing to work with both the House and Senate to pass a bipartisan Farm Bill this year for the benefit of all Americans."

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS: Jeremy Peters, CEO**

"For nearly a century, conservation districts have worked hand-in-hand with landowners, operators, and our federal partners to implement practical, science-based solutions that protect our natural resources while keeping working lands productive. We appreciate Chairman Thompson's leadership and urge bipartisan passage of a Farm Bill that provides certainty for producers. NACD looks forward to working with Congress to move this legislation forward."

**KANSAS FARM BUREAU: Joe Newland, President**

"The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 delivers much-needed certainty for farmers and ranchers. I urge passage of a bipartisan Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 out of the House Agriculture Committee to provide farm certainty for America's farmers and ranchers."

**AMERICAN CONSERVATION COALITION ACTION: Chris Barnard, President**

"For three years, the Farm Bill has been stuck in a pattern of short-term extensions, leaving American farmers in limbo. We are grateful for Chairman Thompson's leadership in crafting a strong Farm Bill that empowers our nation's original conservationists."

**CAPITAL FARM CREDIT: Jeff Norte President and CEO (in a letter to the Committee)**

"The Farm Credit Council is pleased to share our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges completion of the Farm Bill this year. While vital provisions for U.S. agriculture were included in the budget reconciliation law last year,

many policies – including those impacting credit availability – remain stuck in 2018 and need to be modernized. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide certainty and growth opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. This legislation includes provisions from six important bipartisan marker bills to expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernize programs; and reduce regulatory burdens on producers and their ag lenders. Specifically, this bill will update Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements to reflect agriculture needs today, and it will strengthen rural communities by allowing additional financing options for essential community facilities like hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers. With the U.S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, Congress must get Farm Bill 2.0 across the finish line this year. We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. As the process advances, we look forward to working closely with you and your staff to secure inclusion of additional measures that have been introduced with broad bipartisan support, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**AGRIBANK, FCB: Jeffrey R. Swanhorst, CEO**

"AgriBank, FCB is honored to share our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (Farm Bill 2.0) and urges completion of the Farm Bill 2.0 this year. While vital provisions for U.S. agriculture were included in the budget reconciliation law last year, many policies – including those impacting credit availability – remain stuck in 2018 and need to be modernized. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide certainty and growth opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. This legislation includes provisions from six important bipartisan marker bills to expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernize programs; and reduce regulatory burdens on producers and their ag lenders. Specifically, this bill will update Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements to reflect agriculture needs today, and it will strengthen rural communities by allowing additional financing options for essential community facilities like hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers. With the U.S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, Congress must get Farm Bill 2.0 across the finish line this year. We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**DELTA WATERFOWL: John Devney, Chief Policy Officer**

“We appreciate the Chairman's leadership in introducing The Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026 and his commitment to hold a markup in the hope of advancing a bipartisan piece of legislation through the Committee and to the House Floor. We look forward to working with members of Congress through the remainder of the year to ensure that the Farm Bill continues to invest in the very programs that work well for producers on their land and achieving big benefits for ducks and duck hunters.”

**COBANK: Tom Halverson, CEO**

“On behalf of CoBank I am writing to express our thanks to you for your leadership in advancing important agriculture policy and specifically to express support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. The mission of CoBank is to serve “as a dependable provider of credit and other value-added financial services to agriculture and rural infrastructure businesses for the benefit of rural America.” CoBank is a proud member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of cooperative banks and cooperatively owned retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture and the nation's rural economy. CoBank provides loans, leases, export financing and other financial services to agribusinesses and rural power, water and communications providers in all 50 states. In addition to serving our direct retail borrowers, we also provide wholesale loans and other financial services to our affiliated Farm Credit Associations across 23 states, serving approximately 79,000 farmers, ranchers, and other rural businesses. As you know, the last full Farm Bill passed in 2018, and while we appreciate that the work done in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act last year provided help to many producers, completion of the remaining Farm Bill titles is necessary to finish that work. Many important programs and enhancements to existing legislation are needed in order for many rural infrastructure providers, and lenders like CoBank, to do their job effectively. Eight-year-old policy and significantly less favorable economic conditions in the agriculture sector are forcing producers and infrastructure operators to innovate to help bring down their own operating costs. Agricultural producers, cooperatives and the rural communities where many live and work deserve a Farm Bill to support their important work. The remaining programs included in this legislation make up over 800 pages of improvements and enhancements providing certainty for your constituents during a time when trade and the agricultural markets are particularly challenging. We are grateful for the Committee's inclusion of several Farm Credit System supported measures that will help producers and rural businesses, and we look forward to working with you as this process progresses. In this time of deep polarization, it may be easier to kick the can down the road, but I encourage you to work together to get this bill passed and enacted into law. Thank you for your

leadership and work to support rural America and agricultural producers across the country.”

**THE TREATED WOOD COUNCIL: Jeffrey T. Miller, President & Executive Director**

“The Treated Wood Council (TWC) is pleased to offer our strong support for Section 10206, Authority of States (page 686) of the Farm Bill, that gives preemptive pesticide regulatory authority to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state environmental agencies. We understand that mark-up of the Farm Bill in the House Committee on Agriculture may begin next week. TWC is an international trade association, serving the treated wood industry with more than 580 member organizations, including approximately 350 members that manufacture or use wood pesticides.”

**CALIFORNIA CITRUS MUTUAL: Jacob Villagomez, Director of Governmental Affairs**

“California Citrus Mutual commends Chairman Thompson for his work on the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and continued support of specialty crop priorities. California's citrus growers continue to face unprecedented challenges and this bill builds on the Agriculture Committee's strong support for U.S. citrus.”

**PLAINS LAND BANK: Kay Lynn McLaughlin, CEO**

“We appreciate the work that has gone into the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and are pleased to express our support for the committee's efforts to advance this year's Farm Bill. The updates included in the legislation reflect meaningful progress for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. We recognize the value of incorporating provisions from several bipartisan marker bills that address longstanding challenges in agricultural lending and program administration. In particular, efforts to expand credit opportunities for young and beginning farmers, modernize Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and eligibility criteria, and reduce regulatory burdens will help ensure that producers have access to tools that better reflect today's agricultural realities. We also appreciate the bill's support for rural communities through improvements in financing options for essential facilities such as healthcare centers, emergency services, childcare programs, and other critical infrastructure. These investments help strengthen the long-term stability and vitality of rural America. As the Committee process advances, we want to work closely with you and your staff to include the Farm Credit Adjustment Act, which would provide meaningful, but targeted, regulatory relief to low-risk Farm Credit associations. This relief will allow us to focus more time and resources to our customers. As the agricultural economy continues to face uncertainty, movement on the Farm Bill

2.0 remains essential. We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Thank you for your continued leadership and your commitment to supporting farmers, ranchers, and rural communities nationwide."

**THE COALITION TO PROMOTE U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS (comprised of 150 organizations):**

"The Coalition to Promote U.S. Agricultural Exports urges members of the House Agriculture Committee to support the Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026 because of its significant, long-term investment in the Market Access and Foreign Market Development programs. Supporting this investment, by more than doubling MAP and FMD, is a bipartisan multi-year effort which deserves the support of all members of Congress. When paired with private sector funds, the MAP and FMD public-private partnership is setting a new course to restore the ag trade surplus for the United States of America. Putting American farmers first means putting resources into export promotion. Once unthinkable, our ag trade surplus is now a trade deficit near \$50 billion annually. Meanwhile the budget for the Market Access and Foreign Market Development programs hasn't been increased since the 2002 Farm Bill."

**AGSOUTH FARM CREDIT, ACA: Chad Puryear, President and CEO, and Kaleb Rathbone, Board Chair**

"AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA writes in strong support of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and respectfully urges the Committee to advance a Farm Bill this year. As a member-owned agricultural lending cooperative serving 147 counties across Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, we have a front-row view of the challenges confronting producers and rural communities in our territory, and we believe this legislation takes critical steps to address them. While reconciliation addressed several agricultural priorities last year, many policies affecting credit availability have not been updated since 2018. The producers we serve, including row crop, livestock, poultry, timber, and specialty crop operations across the Southeast, cannot afford to wait. The Credit title in this bill takes meaningful steps to modernize Farm Service Agency loan limits and program eligibility, expand access to credit for young and beginning producers, and empower Farm Credit institutions to help finance essential community facilities such as hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers that underpin the vitality of rural life. These provisions are especially important to our Association. AgSouth has invested heavily in equipping the next generation of farmers with the financial tools and credit access they need to build sustainable operations. Modernizing FSA loan limits and expanding eligibility will complement these

efforts and ensure that beginning producers throughout Georgia, the Carolinas, and beyond have a realistic pathway to land ownership and farm success. With commodity price pressure, elevated interest rates, and growing demand for rural services, the need for a modernized Farm Bill is urgent. We urge the Committee to mark up and advance the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 without delay. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**AMERICAN WOOD COUNCIL: Jackson Morrill, President & CEO**

"Our nation's sawmills and wood products facilities directly employ nearly half a million Americans and anchor the economies of countless rural communities. When a mill closes, the impact ripples far beyond the facility itself, with workers, families, local businesses all feeling the strain, and some communities unfortunately never fully recover. Ongoing weakness in housing starts has added further pressure to our sector. The Farm Bill represents a great first step toward supporting the mills that make renewable wood products and the communities we serve. We appreciate Chairman Thompson's thoughtful leadership, and urge swift consideration and passage of a Farm Bill."

**SOUTHERN AGCREDIT, ACA: Ken Hobart, CEO**

"Southern AgCredit, ACA is pleased to express its support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges completion of the Farm Bill this year. While vital provisions for U.S. agriculture were included in the budget reconciliation law last year, many policies-including those impacting credit availability-remain outdated and in need of modernization. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide certainty and growth opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. This legislation includes provisions from six important bipartisan marker bills to expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernize programs; and reduce regulatory burdens on producers and their agricultural lenders. Specifically, the bill updates Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements to reflect the realities of agriculture today, and strengthens rural communities by allowing additional financing options for essential community facilities such as hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers. With the U.S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, Congress must complete the Farm Bill this year. We respectfully urge the Committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. As the legislative process moves forward, we stand ready to work closely with you and your staff to help secure inclusion of additional broadly supported bipartisan measures,

including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WHEAT GROWERS: Sam Kieffer, CEO**

"Across wheat-growing states, I hear directly from farmers who are navigating sustained economic challenges driven by volatile commodity prices, stubbornly high input costs, and increasing global competition. For a crop that depends heavily on export markets and reliable risk management tools, strong policy here at home is essential. Advancing this legislation without delay is critical not just for wheat farmers, but for the rural communities and American families who depend on them."

**ARIZONA FARM BUREAU: John Boelts, President**

"As President of the Arizona Farm Bureau, I am proud to express our strong support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.R. 7567) introduced by Chairman GT Thompson. This critical piece of legislation represents an important step toward providing long-overdue certainty and stability for America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. Arizona agriculture is a \$31 billion industry, a cornerstone of our state's economy and heritage. The investments and policies outlined in this farm bill framework will help ensure the viability of family farms, strengthen vital food and fiber supply chains, and safeguard our national food security. A robust, modern farm bill is essential not only to support producers through today's challenges, but also to protect the long-term sustainability of U.S. agriculture. We appreciate the leadership shown by Chairman Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee in advancing this legislation and look forward to working with members of Congress as this process moves forward. The Arizona Farm Bureau stands ready to partner with lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to ensure that the final bill delivers meaningful support for producers and rural communities across our state and nation."

**KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU: Todd Snider, President (in a letter to the Committee)**

"On behalf of the Kern County Farm Bureau and the farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses we represent, we write to express our strong support for your leadership of the House Committee on Agriculture and our continued commitment to working with you to protect and strengthen our nation's agricultural risk management system. Crop insurance remains the cornerstone of the agricultural safety net. It provides producers with reliable, market-based protection against weather, market volatility, and other

uncontrollable risks, while safeguarding taxpayers through a proven public-private partnership. Under your leadership, the Committee has consistently recognized the value of this system and the importance of preserving its integrity, accessibility, and financial soundness. We greatly appreciate the constructive and collaborative relationship that has developed between the Committee and agricultural stakeholders. Your openness to stakeholder input and your commitment to practical, producer-focused policy have helped ensure that crop insurance continues to meet the needs of farmers and ranchers across all regions, crops, and operation sizes, including those here in Kern County and throughout California. As Congress considers future farm policy, the Kern County Farm Bureau stands ready to work with you to strengthen and modernize crop insurance in ways that expand participation, improve affordability, and maintain widespread availability. We share your commitment to ensuring that the program remains economically viable for private-sector delivery while providing dependable protection to producers nationwide. The public-private partnership that underpins crop insurance is a model of effective governance and responsible stewardship. It combines federal oversight and support with private-sector efficiency, innovation, and customer service. Preserving this structure is essential to maintaining a resilient agricultural economy, protecting rural communities, and securing a stable domestic food supply. Thank you for your leadership and for your ongoing commitment to farmers, ranchers, and the institutions that support them. We look forward to continuing our work with you and the Committee to advance policies that promote risk management, financial stability, and long-term sustainability for agriculture."

**NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU: Mark McHargue, President**

"The Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation (NEFB), and the thousands of farm and ranch families we represent strongly endorse and support passage of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Food security is an essential component of national security, and without a stable and reliable food supply, our nation is vulnerable to economic instability and geopolitical threats. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 recognizes these fundamental connections and makes needed investments in agricultural, conservation, and many other vital programs. Importantly, the bill also addresses on-going interstate commerce issues which only serve to increase regulatory compliance and food prices and open the United States to substantial international trade compliance liabilities. We thank Chairman Thompson for this leadership, and urge all members to support passage of this important legislation."

## **GEORGIA FARM BUREAU: Tom McCall, President**

“On behalf of the Georgia Farm Bureau and our more than 215,000 member families, I write to express our strong support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and respectfully urge the advancement of this legislation through committee passage. As you prepare to hold the markup in the beginning of March, we encourage you to take this important step toward delivering timely, meaningful, and critical assistance to America's farmers and ranchers. Agriculture is facing one of the most challenging economic environments in recent history, marked by rising input costs, market volatility, and increased exposure to natural disasters. Farmers cannot afford further delays, and another extension of the years-outdated farm policy will at best prolong the uncertainty and hardship producers are already experiencing or at worst exacerbate the sharp increase of farm bankruptcies and mental health challenges. This legislation makes critical improvements to the farm safety net by modernizing the tools farmers rely on to manage risk and maintain financial stability. Enhancements to marketing loan provisions will provide producers with greater flexibility and access to capital, ensuring they can continue operating during difficult market cycles, disaster recovery periods, and potential disruptions in federal funding. These updates reflect today's economic realities and help ensure producers have the liquidity necessary to sustain their operations and continue supplying food, fiber, and fuel for our nation. The bill also reinforces crop insurance as the cornerstone of risk management while establishing a standing block grant program for disaster assistance. This permanent disaster assistance framework will allow for rapid and predictable response following hurricanes, droughts, floods, and other natural disasters, which are becoming more frequent and severe. By replacing the current system of delayed, ad hoc disaster programs with a reliable and permanent structure, this legislation will ensure farmers have timely access to the resources they need to recover and continue production. Additionally, the legislation provides meaningful support for specialty crop producers by addressing market volatility and production risks unique to these sectors. Specialty crop growers play a vital role in Georgia agriculture and across the country yet often lack adequate risk management tools. By providing targeted assistance to help stabilize these operations, the bill strengthens the diversity and resilience of American agriculture while ensuring these producers can remain competitive in an increasingly uncertain marketplace. Georgia's farmers need certainty, stability, and modernized tools to navigate the challenges they face today, not another temporary extension of policies that no longer reflect current economic conditions. Timely passage of this Farm Bill will provide the support necessary to help farmers manage risk, recover from disasters, and continue producing the safe, abundant, and affordable food supply Americans depend on every day. We respectfully urge you to support and advance the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 during the upcoming markup and work toward its swift passage. Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.”

**PLAINS COTTON COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION: Dahlen Hancock, Chairman, and Kevin Brinkley, President and CEO**

“On behalf of the farmer-owners of Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, we respectfully urge all members of the House Committee on Agriculture to expeditiously advance The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. The financial pressures facing American agriculture are real and ongoing, and prolonged uncertainty only compounds the strain on producers and rural communities. We appreciate the leadership shown in 2025 through passage of the One Big Beautiful Act, which strengthened the farm safety net. Completing this legislation now is critical to restoring demand, reestablishing U.S. competitiveness in global markets, and providing producers the certainty they need to make planting, financing, and marketing decisions with confidence. The improvements to price support mechanisms for row crops, including cotton, have provided critical stability during an extended period of low prices driven by weak global demand and expanding production from major competitors, such as Brazil. Those enhancements helped preserve working capital, infrastructure, and production capacity at a time when many operations were under sustained financial strain. As you work to complete The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, we respectfully urge a continued focus on restoring demand for U.S. agricultural production, simplifying administration, and reestablishing American competitiveness on the global stage. At its core, The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 should reinforce the structural advantages of U.S. agriculture: innovation, scale, reliability, and regulatory clarity. With thoughtful bipartisan leadership, Congress can help restore confidence, rebuild export momentum, and strengthen the competitive position of American farmers in global markets. We appreciate your continued leadership and stand ready to assist in completing this important legislation.”

**INDIANA CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION AND INDIANA SOYBEAN ALLIANCE: Courtney Kingery, CEO**

“As the Committee on Agriculture approaches the legislative markup for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, Indiana Corn Growers Association (ICGA) and Indiana Soybean Alliance Membership & Policy Committee (ISA M&P) appreciate the work to support America's farmers, rural communities, and consumers in the farm bill. ICGA and ISA M&P represent over 700 dues paying members and the interests of the broader community of 20,000 Indiana corn and soybean farmers. Our member organizations' values and areas of emphasis for the farm bill include these key principles: protecting federal crop insurance; strengthening the producer safety net; bolstering U.S. and Indiana international market development efforts; supporting voluntary conservation programs, and championing initiatives important to rural America. While several important and longstanding farm bill priorities for corn and

soybean growers, including key investments in commodity and trade promotion programs, were addressed primarily through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA) in 2025, corn and soybean farmers recognize that the legislation was passed via the budget reconciliation process and limited the scope of policy provisions. Without formal reauthorization of farm bill provisions, critical programs that farmers rely on will lose authorization or revert to outdated laws from the 1930s and 1940s. Overall, ICGA and ISA M&P farmer members appreciate the leadership of Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Craig, and Members of the Committee for their service to agriculture and rural America. Indiana corn and soybean growers would like to see this process move forward in a bipartisan manner and for a farm bill to be signed into law this year. We are available to provide additional feedback to the Agriculture Committee and all Members of Congress as the legislative process moves forward."

**MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: Mike McCormick, President**

"On behalf of the 175,000 member families of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, I write you today asking for your support of The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. As we find ourselves in the most uncertain times in agriculture in over 40 years, this legislation builds upon the fundamental improvements in the farm safety net included within the agricultural provisions of the One Big Beautiful Bill, passed in July 2025. Specifically, the legislation addresses many of the outstanding issues within farm credit, crop insurance, conservation, trade, and regulatory reform, urgently needed by the U. S. farm sector. Modernizing these farm programs helps secure the future success of American agriculture and ensures farmers and ranchers can continue delivering safe and nutritious food to families here at home and across the world. We urge Congress to now get their job done by passing The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 out of the House Agriculture Committee. As always, thank you for your support for Mississippi farmers and ranchers."

**AMERICAN COTTON SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION: William H. "Buddy" Allen, President and CEO**

"Thank you for your continued leadership on farm policy matters and your profound engagement with stakeholders in the cotton industry. The American Cotton Shippers Association ("ACSA") congratulates you for shepherding meaningful updates to the farm safety net within the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act ("OBBA") and further applauds you for your vigilance to complete the reauthorization of the farm bill in its entirety. Please accept this as an endorsement of support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 addresses several of ACSA's key priorities that will collectively support not only

production economics but also the efficient harvest and delivery of U.S. cotton to market, so our global competitiveness is not compromised. Reauthorization of portions of the farm bill that were not included in the OBBA is critical and part of our overall mandate to support U.S. agriculture from the farm gate to the point of finished goods' consumption. ACSA is deeply grateful to you and your staff for continuing to champion the needs of rural America through your leadership of the Committee. Thank you again for your steadfast commitment and straightforward approach to strong farm policy during your Chairmanship."

### **NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL OF AMERICA: Gary Adams, President and CEO**

"The National Cotton Council (NCC) strongly supports the Farm, Food, and National Security Act (H.R.7567). The bill contains many provisions that were not included in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, thereby building on the critical farm safety net and crop insurance enhancements that were passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump on July 4, 2025. Importantly, this legislation improves the operation of the Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) program by ensuring MALs remain fully operational whenever there is a lapse in federal government funding. During the government shutdown that began in fall 2025, cotton flow was severely inhibited when many loan redemptions were put on hold, which hindered the ability of the industry to meet the needs of global buyers. Although the MAL program subsequently reopened before the shutdown ended, the reforms in H.R.7567 will provide clarity and certainty to the cotton economy if there are future lapses in government funding. We also commend you for including in the bill language developed by Congressman Ronny Jackson requesting USDA to research a crop insurance product that would incentivize harvest in years of low production, when such harvesting may otherwise be economically infeasible. An insurance product of this nature, such as the Harvest Cost Endorsement (HCE) supported by NCC, would provide stability to growers and downstream segments of the industry, including those farmers whose operations were devastated by recent droughts in the Southwest. Finally, we applaud the effort to ensure a uniform regulatory standard guiding the nationwide use of crop protection products. The overwhelming majority of our farmers apply these products in a safe and responsible manner; they should not be subject to a confusing, state-by-state patchwork of regulations in addition to the already stringent standards set by the federal government. We are grateful for the leadership you continue to provide to the U.S. cotton industry and urge all Committee members to support the Farm, Food, and National Security Act."

## **NEW MEXICO FARM & LIVESTOCK BUREAU: Larry Reagan, President**

“The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau strongly supports the bipartisan passage of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and respectfully urges its advancement out of the House Agriculture Committee. This legislation provides much needed stability and long term certainty for farmers and ranchers at a time when they are facing unprecedented challenges. Across the country, and especially in New Mexico, agricultural producers are experiencing record high input costs, supply chain disruptions, volatile markets, and historically low prices for both field and specialty crops. These conditions are placing significant financial pressure on family farms and ranches and threaten the long term viability of domestic food production. Following recent improvements to farm bill risk management, trade, and conservation programs made through the Working Families Tax Cuts Act of 2025, our members have consistently communicated the importance of modernizing additional core farm bill programs. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 builds on this progress by strengthening the foundation of America’s agricultural safety net and ensuring that producers can continue to operate in an increasingly uncertain economic and regulatory environment. The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau appreciates that this legislation enhances access to risk management tools, which are essential for helping producers manage weather, market, and production risks. It also expands trade promotion and facilitation efforts that will allow American agriculture to remain competitive and secure new markets for both domestic and export commodities. In a state like New Mexico, where agriculture is deeply tied to global markets, trade development is critical to sustaining rural economies. We also support the bill’s emphasis on voluntary and incentive based conservation programs that empower farmers and ranchers to be responsible stewards of the land while maintaining productivity. The inclusion of expanded programs for specialty crop growers is particularly important to New Mexico’s diverse agricultural sector. Improved access to credit and loan programs will also provide producers, especially beginning and small scale operations, with the financial tools needed to invest in their operations and remain competitive. The legislation’s commitment to agricultural research, extension, and innovation is vital for addressing challenges related to drought, water availability, soil health, and climate variability. These investments ensure that American agriculture remains at the forefront of productivity and sustainability. Strengthening rural development initiatives and improving access to energy programs will further support economic growth and infrastructure development in rural communities across New Mexico and the nation. Additionally, the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau supports the bill’s efforts to improve forest management and health, which are essential to reducing wildfire risks and protecting both agricultural lands and rural communities. Regulatory reforms included in the legislation also help provide clarity and consistency for producers while preserving interstate commerce and ensuring a reliable food supply. Modernizing farm and food programs through the Farm, Food, and National

Security Act of 2026 will help secure the future of American agriculture, strengthen rural economies, and ensure that farmers and ranchers can continue to provide safe, affordable, and nutritious food and fiber to families both here at home and around the world. We appreciate your continued commitment to agriculture and rural America, and we respectfully ask for your support in advancing this bipartisan legislation.”

**CROPLIFE AMERICA: Alexandra Dunn, President and CEO**

“Chairman Thompson continues to demonstrate strong leadership in recognizing the needs of American agriculture and the importance of the farm bill in supporting our farmers and the families across America who rely on healthy, affordable, and abundant food,” said CLA President and CEO Alexandra Dunn. “Farmers need continued access to pesticides approved by the Environmental Protection Agency through its rigorous, science-based regulatory process, to protect crops from weeds, pests, and diseases and to remain globally competitive, and we support the inclusion of several important provisions in this bill which support that goal. We look forward to working with members on both sides of the aisle to advance this legislation and secure its passage in 2026 to strengthen and support U.S. agriculture.”

**THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB: James L. Cummins, Co-Chair of the Boone and Crockett Club Conservation Policy Committee**

“The Boone and Crockett Club has a long history in forest conservation and management policy, starting with our founder Theodore Roosevelt's efforts to create the national forest system. Private land forests provide essential wildlife habitat along with playing a critical role in natural climate solutions and yet we currently do not have a voluntary, easement-based program focused on forests. We have been strong supporters of the Forest Conservation Easement Program because it is the logical tool we need to advance forest conservation for the next generation, and we appreciate the House Agriculture Committee including it in their Farm Bill reauthorization.”

**OHIO FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: J. William Patterson, President**

“Ohio agriculture is facing a generational storm of challenges with skyrocketing input costs, nearly record-low crop prices, harsh weather conditions and continued trade disputes. These pressures have left many farm families operating on razor-thin margins or making the difficult decision to shutter the family farm altogether. Ohio farmers need a farm policy that reflects today's economic realities and allows them to plan, invest and continue to grow for generations to come.

As the united voice of nearly 60,000 Ohio farm families and rural community members, we urge you to swiftly advance a new, modernized farm bill. We appreciated the three extensions of the 2018 farm bill, the economic assistance provided and certainty delivered through One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). Still, outdated farm programs and unresolved challenges remain and must be addressed to ensure Ohio farmers stay in business. Ohio agriculture is facing a generational storm of challenges with skyrocketing input costs, nearly record-low crop prices, harsh weather conditions and continued trade disputes. These pressures have left many farm families operating on razor-thin margins or making the difficult decision to shutter the family farm altogether. Ohio farmers need a farm policy that reflects today's economic realities and allows them to plan, invest and continue to grow for generations to come. While the OBBBA provided important improvements to crop protection programs, tax provisions and trade investment, additional modernization and investment is necessary to provide long-term certainty to Ohio's No.1 industry. We need a strong farm bill that addresses California's Proposition 12, and provides clear interstate commerce protections, especially as we navigate ongoing trade disputes and seek expanded domestic markets. Farmers also need strengthened access to credit and greater investment in conservation and agricultural research. These tools and programs help manage farm risk, improve productivity, bolster innovation and protect our natural resources. Ohio has lost more than 1 million acres of vital farmland over the past 20 years, and as the state continues to be a hotspot for development, and farmers face a long list of challenges, we must ensure federal legislation supports our agricultural businesses, strengthens rural communities and safeguards the food and fuel supply that serves all 12 million Ohioans. We appreciate the leadership of Chairman G.T. Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee in advancing a draft of a new farm bill that addresses many of the challenges our farmers face. We now urge you to help move this legislation across the finish line swiftly so farmers can head into planting season and beyond with clarity and confidence."

#### **NATIONAL CROP INSURANCE SERVICES:**

"The National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS) applauds Chairman Glenn 'GT' Thompson (R-PA) and the members of the House Agriculture Committee for their continued leadership in advancing a strong farm policy and a robust federal crop insurance system. Congress has long recognized crop insurance as the cornerstone of the farm safety net, and its work reflects a steadfast commitment to ensuring farmers and ranchers have effective, market-based risk management tools. Lawmakers made important improvements to crop insurance in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act by strengthening affordability, reinforcing program integrity, and ensuring the long-term viability of the system. The recently introduced Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 builds on those investments by supporting research and development of new

products, enhancing engagement with specialty crop farmers, and strengthening the private-sector delivery system that makes crop insurance work efficiently across the country. These provisions expand access to coverage and ensure the program remains responsive to emerging risks. NCIS looks forward to working with the Committee, Congress, and the Administration to advance policies that give America's farmers and ranchers the tools they need to manage risk, invest with confidence, and meet the challenges of today's agricultural economy."

**IOWA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: Brent Johnson, President (in a letter to the Committee)**

"The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 delivers much-needed certainty for farmers and ranchers at a time when they need it most. Across the country, farmers are facing record high input costs and historically low field and specialty crop prices, squeezing margins and putting real pressure on family farms. I urge you to support passage of a bipartisan Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 out of the House Agriculture Committee to provide farm certainty for America's farmers and ranchers. Following improvements to farm bill risk management, trade, and conservation programs made in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act of 2025 (H.R. 1), farmers, ranchers and rural Americans have urged Congress to update other key programs as part of a modernized farm bill. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 does just that by updating important farm programs that will protect America's food supply for years to come. This bill updates important food and farm programs, enhances conservation efforts, makes critical investments in agricultural research, and strengthens America's rural communities. These critical investments include: • Expanded access to risk management tools for farmers and ranchers; • Regulatory reform that supports farmers and protects interstate commerce • Trade promotion and facilitation programs to secure new markets for farmers and ranchers; • Enhanced voluntary and incentive-based conservation programs; • Improved access to essential credit and loan programs; • Stronger support for rural communities through development initiatives; • Robust research and extension programs to place American agriculture at the forefront of innovation; • Increased access to energy programs for farmers and rural businesses; and Modernizing these farm programs helps secure the future success of American agriculture and ensures farmers and ranchers can continue delivering safe and nutritious food to families here at home and across the world. The policy updates and investments made in The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 help keep our food supply secure and sustainable, and your support is essential. We appreciate your longstanding support for rural America and respectfully ask that you support passage of a bipartisan Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 out of the House Agriculture Committee."

**GEORGIA AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL: Will Bentley, President, and Jake Tench, Director of Government Affairs**

“The Georgia Agribusiness Council strongly supports the timely passage of a comprehensive, long-term Farm Bill, even in light of Congress advancing the recent “One Big Beautiful Bill.” While that legislation addressed several important fiscal and policy priorities, it does not replace the critical role of a full Farm Bill in providing certainty, stability, and a long-term policy framework for America’s farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses. For Georgia’s diverse agricultural sector, from row crops and forestry to poultry, specialty crops, and livestock, the Farm Bill is not simply a federal program; it is a cornerstone of risk management, conservation, nutrition, research, and rural development policy.”

**GREENLIGHT BIOSCIENCES:**

“The future of agriculture depends on producing more with fewer resources. To feed a growing global population while protecting our natural resources, we must be precise in land use, crop selection and inputs. We applaud House Agriculture Committee Chairman GT Thompson for including forward-looking provisions in The Farm, Food and National Security Act released today that recognize the value of innovative, targeted biological solutions - including RNA-based technology - as a core component of precision agriculture. By expanding the definition to include these next-generation tools, the Committee is ensuring that American farmers have access to the most advanced, efficient and sustainable pest management tools, now and in the future. This policy shift is a critical step toward modernizing our regulatory framework to keep pace with innovation as well as promoting greater competition in agricultural inputs. It empowers growers to maximize productivity and reinforces the U.S. commitment to a resilient and secure food system.”

**AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: Zippy Duvall, President**

“Farmers appreciate the work Chairman G.T. Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee have done in drafting a new, modernized farm bill. It will provide much-needed certainty for farmers who are facing record high expenses and historically low crop prices. The bill updates important food and farm programs, enhances conservation efforts, bolsters assistance to specialty crops, and makes critical investments in agricultural research. We urge House Agriculture Committee members to work together to find common ground during markup and pass a bipartisan farm bill. After three years of delays, farmers desperately need policy that will help give them the tools and certainty to continue growing food and fiber for every family in America.”

### **FOREST LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION: Scott Jones, CEO**

“The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 includes important provisions that support policies and programs needed to keep America’s private working forests healthy, productive, and resilient. By improving disaster recovery tools like the Emergency Forest Restoration Program and reauthorizing and modernizing Wood Innovation Grants, this legislation helps provide timber producers and family forestry businesses with the certainty, markets, and practical tools they need to keep working forests as forests. These policies recognize the essential role private landowners and timber producers play in sustaining rural economies, supporting wildlife habitat, protecting clean water, and maintaining a reliable domestic wood supply. We urge Congress to advance and pass this legislation with bipartisan support so landowners and timber producers have the certainty they need to overcome the mounting challenges facing working forests nationwide.”

### **PET FOOD INSTITUTE: Atalie Ebersole, Vice President of Government Relations**

“More than 90 percent of dogs entering the United States receive minimal federal review, which increases the risk of introducing serious diseases that can affect pets, people, and livestock. Including the Healthy Dog Importation Act in the 2026 Farm Bill is an important step toward modernizing these protections and better safeguarding animal health and public safety. PFI is thankful to Congress for advancing these bipartisan, science-based priorities. Ensuring healthy dog imports, strengthening frontline detection at our borders, and investing in veterinary capacity all contribute to a safer, more reliable food and agriculture system.”

### **AGWEST FARM CREDIT: Bill Perry, CEO**

“AgWest Farm Credit is pleased to share our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges completion of the Farm Bill this year. While vital provisions for U.S. agriculture were included in the budget reconciliation law last year, many policies – including those impacting credit availability – remain stuck in 2018 and need to be modernized. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 will provide certainty and growth opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. This legislation includes provisions from six important bipartisan marker bills to expand credit availability, especially for young and beginning farmers; modernize programs; and reduce regulatory burdens on producers and their ag lenders. Specifically, this bill will update Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan limits and program eligibility requirements to reflect agriculture needs today, and it will strengthen rural communities by allowing additional financing options for essential community facilities like hospitals, fire stations, skilled nursing facilities, and childcare centers. With the U.S. farm economy and rural

communities facing ongoing challenges, Congress must get Farm Bill 2.0 across the finish line this year. We urge your committee to take the important first step by marking up and passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. As the process advances, we look forward to working closely with you and your staff to secure inclusion of additional measures that have been introduced with broad bipartisan support, including the Farm Credit Adjustment Act and the FARM Home Loans Act. Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities."

**OREGON FARM BUREAU: Angela Bailey, President**

"Farm families need Congress to deliver certainty, stability and a clear path forward. This legislation strengthens agriculture's competitiveness by supporting export opportunities, investing in research and extension, and improving access to practical, voluntary conservation. It also promotes fair, consistent rules that protect interstate commerce and preserve access to crop protection tools that farmers rely on."

**MINNESOTA TURKEY GROWERS ASSOCIATION: Jake Vlaminck, President**

"Minnesota's turkey farmers know firsthand that animal health is food security and food security is national security. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 strengthens the tools producers and animal health officials rely on every day by investing in prevention, surveillance, and rapid response to animal disease threats. By supporting these programs and regionalization tools that keep markets open during animal health events, this legislation helps ensure farmers can protect their flocks while continuing to provide safe, affordable protein to families here at home and customers around the world."

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY: Daniel Scholl, Vice President for Research and Economic Development**

"Farm Bill policy will help land-grant universities like South Dakota State University to impact American agriculture and American wellbeing through research, education, and university extension. SDSU supports the provisions in the bill that support land grant universities' research, education, and Cooperative Extension."

**THE CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT AGRICULTURE ALLIANCE: Tom Stenzel, President**

“On behalf of the Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) Alliance and our membership, we write in support of H.R. 7567, Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. The CEA Alliance is a membership trade association representing and serving vertical farms and greenhouse producers growing fruits and vegetables in a highly controlled indoor (greenhouses and vertical farms) production environment. Growers utilize innovative technologies such as hydroponics, aeroponics, aquaponics, and soil-based systems to grow a wide variety of fruits and vegetables in diverse settings, including rural, suburban and urban communities. Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) production is a growing segment of the food and agriculture sector that expands year-round production and availability of healthy, fresh fruits and vegetables; create new job opportunities; and bring more local produce to everyone’s plates. The CEA Alliance believes this bill creates an opportunity to foster innovation, accelerate research, and do more to ensure CEA producers have the tools and resources needed to thrive through sound public policy. In particular, we strongly support the following provisions that were included in the bill: • Sec. 7503: The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, which includes a priority for hydroponics, aquaponics, aeroponics, and other production technologies used in CEA. • Sec. 10003: The Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production and the emphasis on CEA practices under the direction of the office. • Sec. 11001: Specialty Crop Advisory Committee which calls for a specialty crop insurance advisory committee and creates a seat on the FCIC board to advise on specialty crop insurance policies. • Sec. 6303: Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loans, which creates a new supply chain loan guarantee program for loans up to \$40 million and includes flexibilities for funds to be allocated to non—rural areas. The CEA Alliance encourages the Agriculture Committee to include budget neutral language in the text to amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (PL 115-334; 132 Stat. 4812) to reauthorize data collection on urban agriculture and innovative production through a follow-on study to the census of agriculture. The data would be critical to ensuring USDA recognizes CEA opportunities in other farm programs and resources, and in providing the CEA industry with important data about production and markets. We are looking forward to building on the successful provisions included in H.R. 2, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, which provided necessary policies for the controlled environment agriculture sector to grow and thrive. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 creates an opportunity to foster innovation, accelerate research and data collection, and do more to ensure CEA producers have the tools and resources needed to thrive through sound public policy. We look forward to continuing work with members of the House Agriculture Committee on this critical work.”

**THE FERTILIZER INSTITUTE: Corey Rosenbusch, President and CEO**

“On behalf of The Fertilizer Institute (TFI), I write to thank you and the dedicated staff of the House Agriculture Committee for your leadership in advancing H.R. 7567, the Farm,

Food, and National Security Act of 2026, and for your hard work in preparing the bill for full Committee markup next week. TFI strongly supports the Committee's inclusion of key conservation, innovation, and nutrient stewardship provisions in the draft legislation. In particular, we appreciate the clear directive to prioritize innovative technologies within Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation practice standards. By elevating precision agriculture technologies, biological fertilizers, plant biostimulants, and enhanced efficiency fertilizers that reduce nutrient loss, the bill reflects a practical, science-based approach to strengthening fertilizer nutrient use efficiency while protecting natural resources. We are especially grateful for the inclusion of a clear statutory definition of plant biostimulants and language clarifying their exclusion from regulation as pesticides under FIFRA. This long-sought clarification will provide regulatory certainty, support continued innovation, and help ensure farmers have access to additional products that enhance nutrient use efficiency, improve tolerance to abiotic stress, and promote crop quality and yield. TFI also commends your directives to the Secretary of Agriculture to initiate a streamlined process for reviewing and establishing future conservation practice standards. Additionally, the provision authorizing certification of third parties, including Certified Crop Advisors, as technical service providers eligible to develop and receive reimbursement for Section 590 nutrient management plans will significantly expand technical assistance capacity and accelerate adoption of science-based nutrient stewardship practices. These provisions represent meaningful progress toward a Farm Bill that enhances farmer profitability, promotes environmental stewardship, and strengthens U.S. agricultural competitiveness at home and abroad. We appreciate your bipartisan leadership and your willingness to engage stakeholders throughout this process. TFI looks forward to continuing to work with you and your staff as H.R. 7567 advances through the legislative process. Thank you again for your commitment to American agriculture and for your thoughtful consideration of these important priorities."

### **ROLLING PLAINS COTTON GROWERS: Rusty Strickland, President**

"The grower leaders across the Rolling Plains of Texas support the Farm, Food, and National Security Act (H.R.7567). Our farm families appreciate the improvements to the farm safety net made available this past summer in H.R. 1. Additionally, we appreciate the work of the Trump Administration to administer a bridge program until those improvements take effect. Most important to growers in our region, we appreciate the inclusion of the bill language from Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX) that would have USDA research a crop protection product to incentivize cotton harvest in years of low production. The cotton industry has worked on a product of this nature, the Harvest Cost Endorsement (HCE) and believe that something along these lines would work well through the years of drought we are susceptible to in West Texas. We also applaud the language on the changes to the Marketing Assistance Loan, that would allow it to

continue working, even when there is a lapse in government funding. This would ensure that cotton marketing can continue to operate and provide certainty to our producers and others in the supply chain. Thank you for your continued leadership on the critical issues for agriculture producers across the country. We wish you and your staff well as H.R. 7567 makes its way through the Congressional process and implore Members to support this important legislation.”

**MINNESOTA CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION: Wes Beck, President**

“The Minnesota Corn Growers Association greatly appreciates the Committee's work to complete the Farm Bill reauthorization process. Minnesota farm families are struggling right now with depressed prices, high costs of production, and a sea of red ink. That's why our producers are so grateful for the significant improvements to the farm safety net made last year, the economic aid recently announced, the economic and production loss assistance provided in the American Relief Act, as well as the Farm Bill 2.0 recently unveiled. While there is a lot of work ahead, including building markets both abroad and here at home, we recognize the strong support by Congress and the Administration as our farm families weather some extremely difficult conditions. We hope that the Committee will move forward with Farm Bill 2.0 in keeping with the bipartisan spirit that has always been the Committee's hallmark and we thank Members on both sides of the aisle for the steadfast support of American agriculture, including the farm families of Minnesota.”

**MINNESOTA SOYBEAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION: Darin Johnson, President**

“The Minnesota Soybean Growers Association values the Committee's efforts in completing the Farm Bill reauthorization process. While a perfect storm of low commodity prices, trade disruptions and high input costs led to Minnesota soybean farmers suffering hundreds of millions of dollars in lost profits in 2025, we remain optimistic for the future of our industry. However, our farmers continue to face challenges on many fronts. That's why our members recognize that the Farm Bill is a critical step in strengthening rural communities and economies, supporting family farmers, and protecting our nation's food security. By renewing this vital legislation, Congress can promote economic stability, uplift the next generation of producers and ensure farmers have the resources they need to adapt to rising production costs and extreme weather challenges. As a nonpartisan organization, we urge our legislative allies on both sides of the aisle to work together on passing a Farm Bill to ensure a brighter future for our family farmers and rural America.”

### **FLORIDA FRUIT & VEGETABLE ASSOCIATION: Mike Joyner, President**

“Chairman G.T. Thompson has shown incredible leadership with the introduction of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 – a clear testament to his dedication to championing the unique needs of specialty crop growers in this critical legislation,” said Mike Joyner, president of the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association. We appreciate the Chairman and the entire House Agriculture Committee for engaging directly with growers throughout the process. This bill marks an important turning point for our industry, establishing a robust emergency assistance framework, strengthening crop insurance, and enacting forward-thinking provisions that will drive sustained competitiveness. These bold actions are poised to deliver tangible, far-reaching benefits for Florida growers and the entire agricultural sector. We urge the House Agriculture Committee to advance this legislation without delay, ensuring that a comprehensive five-year farm bill is enacted this year to safeguard our nation's agricultural strength and future.”

### **NORTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: Shawn Harding, President (in a letter to the Committee)**

“The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 delivers much-needed certainty for farmers at a time when they need it most. Across the country, farmers are facing record high input costs and historically low field and specialty crop prices, squeezing margins and putting real pressure on family farms. I urge you to support passage of a bipartisan Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 out of the House Agriculture Committee to provide farm certainty for America's farmers and ranchers. Following improvements to farm bill risk management, trade, and conservation programs made in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act of 2025 (H.R. 1), farmers, ranchers and rural Americans have urged Congress to update other key programs as part of a modernized farm bill. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 does just that by updating important farm programs that will protect America's food supply for years to come. This bill updates important food and farm programs, enhances conservation efforts, makes critical investments in agricultural research, and strengthens America's rural communities. These critical investments include:

- Expanded access to risk management tools for farmers and ranchers;
- Trade promotion and facilitation programs to secure new markets for farmers and ranchers;
- Enhanced voluntary and incentive-based conservation programs;
- Expanded programs to support specialty crop growers;
- Improved access to essential credit and loan programs;
- Access to nutrition for families facing hunger;
- Stronger support for rural communities through development initiatives;
- Robust research and extension programs to place American agriculture at the forefront of innovation;
- Promotion of forest management and health;
- Increased access to energy programs for farmers and rural businesses; and
- Regulatory reform

that supports farmers and protects interstate commerce Modernizing these farm programs helps secure the future success of American agriculture and ensures farmers can continue delivering safe and nutritious food to families here at home and across the world. The policy updates and investments made in The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 help keep our food supply secure and sustainable, and your support is essential. We appreciate your longstanding support for rural America and respectfully ask that you support passage of a bipartisan Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 out of the House Agriculture Committee."

### **CAN MANUFACTURERS INSTITUTE: Pearce Crosland, Senior Director of Government Relations**

"On behalf of the U.S. metal can manufacturing industry, the Can Manufacturers Institute (CMI) commends the Committee for its work in releasing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and expresses our strong support for advancing the bill following next week's markup. It is essential that Congress pass an updated, modernized Farm Bill that strengthens food access, supports domestic agriculture, and reinforces supply chain resilience. As manufacturers of the packaging that safely preserves and delivers American grown foods to kitchen tables across the country, we appreciate the inclusion of provisions that recognize the critical role of affordable, accessible, and shelf-stable foods and domestic manufacturing. 1. Section 4303. Reauthorization of the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program: Extends available incentives to include "all forms" of fruits and vegetables, including canned products. Canned fruits and vegetables are nutritious, affordable, and available year-round, making them essential to national food security. This language ensures that nutrition programs accurately reflect how Americans actually access healthy foods. 2. Section 4302. Buy American Requirements for Certain School Meals: Reinforces the importance of sourcing food products—and the packing that preserves them—from domestic producers. American-made metal cans play a vital role in delivering safe, affordable, and shelf-stable food products to schools nationwide. Strengthening the Buy American standards helps ensure that federally funded nutrition programs support American farmers, food producers, and manufacturers, while also protecting domestic jobs and bolstering our national food security. 3. Section 6303. Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loans: Creates new programs under USDA Business and Industry loan guarantees to finance investments in American food supply chain infrastructure. Metal can makers operate facilities in many rural and semi-rural farming communities. Access to new funding programs allows for facility modernization, equipment upgrades, and manufacturing capacity expansions that support domestic production of metal food packaging. As demand for shelf-stable foods continues to grow, policies that facilitate strategic investments in manufacturing infrastructure strengthen domestic food security, reduce supply chain bottlenecks, and put healthy, nutritious food in pantries across the

country. As a critical part of the domestic food supply chain, CMI appreciates the inclusion of the above provisions in the updated Farm Bill text. CMI supports thoughtful, balanced policies that incentivize domestic investment, protect American manufacturing, expand nutrition access, and strengthen not only our industry, but the broader agricultural economy that relies on our products to preserve and distribute their products. We commend the Committee for its leadership in putting forward this proposal and respectfully urge swift consideration and passage following the upcoming markup."

**NATIONAL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION: Jed Bower, President (in a letter to the Committee)**

"As the Committee on Agriculture approaches the legislative markup for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) appreciates your work to support America's farmers, rural communities, and consumers in the farm bill.

NCGA represents 36,000 dues paying members and the interests of the broader community of 500,000 U.S. corn farmers. As a grassroots-led association, grower leaders representing NCGA and affiliated state associations have provided formal input with recommendations for updating farm bill policies and programs as far back as 2022. Corn growers from across the country have participated in listening sessions, field hearings, formal Congressional testimony, and meetings with their Member of Congress to call for improvements to make USDA programs more effective, efficient, and responsive.

NCGA's values and areas of emphasis for the farm bill are summarized by these key principles: protecting federal crop insurance; strengthening the producer safety net; bolstering U.S. international market development efforts; supporting voluntary conservation programs, and championing initiatives important to rural America.

While several important and longstanding farm bill priorities for corn growers, including key investments in commodity and trade promotion programs, were addressed primarily through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) in 2025, corn growers recognize that the legislation was passed via the budget reconciliation process which limited the scope of policy provisions.

**Farm Bill 2.0**

Corn growers support the bipartisan development and passage of a "Farm Bill 2.0" this Congress and provide the following feedback on the Farm, Food, and National Security Act ahead of the legislative markup in the House Committee on Agriculture.

Many of the NCGA endorsed farm bill marker bills and policy recommendations are reflected in the proposed legislation and would be an improvement upon existing programs for corn growers and rural America. As the legislative process moves forward, corn growers will continue to advocate for additional policy enhancements and are prepared to defend against harmful amendments. Championing initiatives important to rural America

The farm bill includes many programs and policies important to corn growers and broader constituencies across rural America including provisions in the credit, rural development, research, and energy titles.

Access to credit and rural development programs is important for corn growers to enhance their operations and innovate with precision agriculture tools. NCGA supports sections 5105, 5106, and 5202 that updates loan limits for farm ownership loans and guaranteed operating loans. Corn growers also support provisions in Section 6302 that expand access and promote the adoption of precision agriculture technology. This will help to ease the financial burden of adopting precision agriculture practices.

Corn growers are supportive of the reauthorization of several key research priorities through 2031 including Section 7125 the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority, Section 7203 the Agriculture Genome to Phenome Initiative, and Section 7402 the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network.

Increased access and innovation to biofuels, bioproducts, and related feedstocks remain a top priority for corn growers. NCGA strongly supports clearly defining sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) as an advanced biofuel as seen in Section 9001 and the strategy to encourage the production of SAF in Section 9013. Additionally, corn growers support reauthorizing USDA's BioPreferred program through Section 9002, which expands domestic manufacturing of renewable biobased products. Improvements to the BioPreferred program and to Biorefinery Assistance in Section 9003 provide the U.S. with the tools to lead in research, development, and manufacturing of bioproducts.

Predictable and reliable access to critical crop protection tools is important to corn growers. NCGA supports uniformity of pesticide labeling requirements in Section 10205 that affirm that FIFRA gives the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the exclusive authority to determine labeling and packaging requirements, and those labels must reflect EPA's scientific conclusions.

#### Supporting voluntary conservation programs

Corn growers are committed to implementing successful conservation practices on their farms. NCGA supports investments into USDA working lands conservation programs, which help corn growers continue to be good stewards of the land and play an important role in advancing the adoption of conservation practices.

NCGA strongly supports the provisions in Section 2502, delivery of technical assistance, which includes a process for the establishment of interim and new conservation practice standards. This process will help to speed the development and adoption of innovative conservation practices so that corn farmers have timely access to the latest, proven technologies and practices. Bolstering U.S. international market development efforts

Dynamic USDA trade programs boost U.S. agricultural exports, are vital to the prosperity of U.S. agriculture and related business, increase the value of agriculture exports, and provide a high value of return on the investments. NCGA strongly supported the doubling of mandatory funding for USDA trade promotion programs in the OBBBA. Corn growers support the funding allocations for the existing Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development (FMD) Program found in Section 3201 and appreciate the efforts made to ensure that the programs are efficient and effective.

NCGA also supports the transfer of the authorities of the Food for Peace Act to USDA from the U.S. Agency for International Development via Section 3101. Approximately \$96 million of U.S. corn and corn products is part of Food for Peace's global food distribution programs. The continuation of Food for Peace is an important part of strengthening relationships in developing countries that can result in market access for U.S. corn growers.

Strengthening the producer safety net and protecting federal crop insurance

In the Farm, Food, and National Security Act, corn growers support Section 1009 that clarifies eligibility for the storage facility loan program to include propane storage that is primarily used for agricultural production.

The OBBBA had multiple provisions to modify the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) commodity programs, including several recommendations from corn growers. While the OBBBA provides a one-time voluntary opportunity to add 30 million new base acres, which underpin the eligibility for the commodity programs, NCGA has concerns that the previous legislation did not provide enough new base acres or meaningful reforms and updates to existing base acres. NCGA continues to advocate for policies to ensure that commodity program eligibility and payments, via base acres, more accurately reflect growers' recent planting history.

With crop insurance consistently ranked as the number one farm bill priority for corn growers, NCGA will continue to oppose efforts to cut crop insurance programs or restrict producer accessibility to risk management tools.

Challenges in the Farm Economy Require Congressional Action

Corn growers appreciate the Committee on Agriculture for the efforts to advance the farm bill. Congress should also support rural America through additional short-term

assistance for agriculture and long-term demand creation for corn. Immediate action can help address the significant economic hardship that has fallen on the agriculture industry. Corn growers are facing their fourth year of negative profitability, including an average loss of \$125 per acre for the current crop marketing year alone, resulting from trade disruption, persistently high input prices and foreign competition. NCGA continues to encourage Congress to act immediately to pass pending legislation that would provide consumers nationwide with year-round access to fuel with 15% ethanol blends (E15). This action will help corn growers and the rural economy during this difficult time and will also address issues around affordability by lowering prices at the pump.

Corn growers would also like to expedite the bilateral binding trade agreements that the administration is brokering with other countries. These agreements promise to ensure measurable demand growth for corn and corn product exports, which would help provide welcome relief to growers.

NCGA supports further assistance for agriculture, as current programs do not fully meet the financial needs of growers during this critical lending and planning period ahead of planting the next crop.

Overall, corn growers appreciate the leadership of Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Craig, and Members of the Committee for their service to agriculture and rural America. As the Committee considers the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, NCGA and our grower members appreciate consideration of our views. Corn growers would like to see this process move forward in a bipartisan manner and for a farm bill to be signed into law this year. NCGA and affiliated state associations will provide additional feedback to the Agriculture Committees and all Members of Congress as the legislative process moves forward."

#### **INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY BANKERS OF AMERICA: Rebeca Romero Rainey, President and CEO**

"On behalf of ICBA and the nearly 45,000 community bank locations we represent, I write regarding our views on the new farm bill, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (HR 7567). Community banks provide approximately 80 percent of all loans extended by private sector banks to the nation's farmers and ranchers. A new farm bill is important to ensuring farmers and ranchers and the community banks that serve them have a robust set of tools to ensure agriculture's long-term viability. We support enhancements to USDA guaranteed loan programs but believe the expansions of the Farm Credit System's (FCS) authorities to engage in broad non-farm financing activities need to be limited.

Strengthening the Farm Safety Net: ICBA supports passage of a new farm bill and appreciates enhancements to the commodities title and crop insurance programs that

were adopted separately in the OBBBA. These programs will strengthen the farm safety net and provide producers with risk management tools to mitigate severe weather-related losses and help producers repay production loans.

**USDA Guaranteed Loan Improvements:** We strongly support increasing USDA guaranteed farm loan limits to \$3.5 million for agricultural real estate loans and \$3 million for farm operating loans, which better reflect modern agricultural financing realities. We also support prompt approval within five business days of guaranteed farm loans submitted by preferred and certified lenders to ensure producers receive timely access to credit.

**Concerns Regarding Farm Credit System (FCS) Expansion Provisions:** We remain deeply concerned that the current text provides overly expansive authorities to the Farm Credit System (FCS)—a government-sponsored enterprise that already enjoys significant tax and funding advantages over tax-paying community banks. **Essential Community Facility (ECF) Lending Expansion -** The text allows FCS institutions to finance “essential community facilities” (ECFs) without prior approval from their regulator, allowing over \$60 billion in ECF loans, an amount that grows annually, hardly a real cap. ICBA appreciates that the bill requires FCS institutions to first reach out to community banks to participate in ECF loans. However, this requirement could easily be circumvented unless the financing offered to the applicant reflects a blended interest rate of all participants. Otherwise, borrowers can simply accept the FCS rate for the entire loan. ICBA also urges Congress to require more detailed annual reporting, including lenders participating and amount each lender financed. **FCS Ownership of Rural Business Investment Corporations (RBICs) –** Currently, one or more FCS entities can own up to 50 percent of a RBIC which can engage in activities that are not otherwise eligible for FCS financing. The bill's text increases FCS ownership in RBICs to reach 75 percent without financing ineligible activities. The 75 percent threshold would allow FCS to control these RBICs. This cap was already expanded from 25 percent to 50 percent in the 2018 farm bill. These RBICs could expand without size limits, without limits on entity numbers, and without annual reports.

**Loans to Businesses for Aquaculture-Related Purposes -** The bill allows the FCS to lend to any business that serves aquaculture, but the language is drafted broadly and could allow financing for businesses only tangentially related to the aquaculture industry. This could open FCS lending to a “vast range” of unrelated businesses under the guise of serving aquaculture producers. **Potential Amendment - Expanding FCS Home Mortgage Lending to Towns of 10,000 –** ICBA strongly opposes any amendment that would allow the FCS to expand its tax-free residential mortgage lending to towns of 10,000, a 300 percent increase above the current 2,500 population limit. About 76 percent of all cities and towns are under 5,000 population. 42 percent of these communities have less than 500 residents. There is no need to allow the FCS to use its tax

advantaged status to force community banks out of the rural housing market, limiting access to credit for rural residents.

## Conclusion

ICBA strongly supports passage of a farm bill that protects producers, strengthens rural communities, and ensures a fair, balanced agricultural credit system."

### **WISCONSIN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION: Brad Olson, President (in a letter to the Committee)**

"On behalf of the members of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, I write to express our support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.R. 7567), recently introduced by Glenn "G.T." Thompson. At a time of continued market volatility, elevated input costs, and tightening margins on farms across Wisconsin, enactment of a comprehensive and modernized farm bill is critical to providing the certainty our farmers and rural communities need. Wisconsin agriculture is diverse and deeply integrated into both domestic and international markets. As the nation's leading dairy state and a major producer of corn, soybeans, specialty crops, and livestock, our farmers depend on strong risk management tools, reliable export markets, and practical conservation programs to remain competitive. H.R. 7567 takes important steps to strengthen the farm safety net, expand trade promotion efforts, and invest in conservation, research, and rural development. In particular, we appreciate the bill's emphasis on:

- Strengthening and modernizing risk management programs so they better reflect today's production costs and market realities;
- Expanding trade promotion and market development programs that are essential for Wisconsin dairy, meat, and specialty crop exports;
- Supporting voluntary, incentive-based conservation programs that allow farmers to be leaders in environmental stewardship while maintaining productivity;
- Investing in agricultural research and extension to drive innovation in dairy production, animal health, soil health, and precision agriculture;
- Improving access to credit and capital for beginning farmers, young farmers, and those looking to expand or transition operations; and
- Supporting rural development initiatives that help sustain the small towns and communities that support Wisconsin agriculture.

For Wisconsin dairy farmers in particular, stability in federal programs is essential. Volatile milk prices, high feed and energy costs, and global competition continue to pressure margins. A strong and functional farm bill provides the tools necessary to manage risk, expand markets, and keep family farms viable for the next generation. Beyond farm programs, this legislation recognizes how food, energy, conservation, forestry, and rural economic development all work together. Ensuring regulatory clarity and promoting interstate commerce are also important to maintaining a competitive agricultural sector. Wisconsin Farm Bureau believes a bipartisan farm bill is one of the most important pieces of legislation Congress can

deliver for rural America this year. We respectfully urge you to support H.R. 7567 and work toward its timely passage out of the House Agriculture Committee and through the full House. Thank you for your continued engagement on behalf of Wisconsin agriculture and rural communities. We stand ready to serve as a resource as you consider this legislation."

**MODERN AG ALLIANCE: Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, Executive Director (in a letter to the Committee)**

"America's farmers are operating under extraordinary economic strain. Elevated input costs, commodity volatility, and increasingly severe weather events have combined to create one of the most challenging farm economies in decades. Just last month, the Modern Ag Alliance released its State of the American Farmer report, and the findings were sobering. Nearly half of farmers said they were not confident they could pass their farm on to the next generation and would not recommend it as a career path; much of this apprehension stems from a lack of certainty. Multi-generational family farms are shuttering, bankruptcies are rising, and producers are being forced to make impossible decisions simply to remain in business. At this critical moment, Congress must deliver certainty, not additional risk. As a coalition of over 110 agriculture organizations across the country, the Modern Ag Alliance urges the United States House Committee on Agriculture to advance the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and to retain Section 10205 in the final committee markup. Across the country, activist-driven labeling requirements directly contradict decades of scientific review and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's determinations. This growing patchwork of jury mandates threatens to override federal authority, fragment interstate commerce, and inject costly uncertainty into the agricultural economy. Farmers cannot operate in a system where federally approved products are effectively undermined by conflicting state labeling requirements. Without congressional action, American-made crop protection tools could be forced from the marketplace, not because of new scientific evidence, but because of regulatory inconsistency and litigation pressure. Crop protection tools are foundational to modern agriculture. Producers rely on them to preserve yields, manage invasive species, protect soil health through conservation practices, and maintain affordability for consumers. The loss of access to widely used products could result in yield losses of up to 85 percent for certain crops, compounding financial stress on producers and driving food prices higher for American families.

The stakes are especially high with glyphosate, one of the most widely used and extensively studied crop protection tools worldwide. Eliminating access to glyphosate alone could impose an estimated \$74 billion cost on farmers, consumers, and taxpayers during the 2025–2029 Farm Bill cycle. That is an economic shock rural America cannot absorb. Section 10205 provides a clear and necessary solution. By reaffirming under the

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act that the EPA maintains sole authority over pesticide labeling and packaging requirements for health and safety, this provision restores national uniformity and reinforces science-based regulation. It does not weaken enforcement. It does not limit scientific review. It does not strip states of their authority to continue to regulate the sale and use. It simply ensures that labeling decisions regarding the health and safety of a product remain grounded in consistent federal standards rather than a fractured state-by-state regime. Failing to include Section 10205 in the final markup would leave farmers exposed to continued regulatory chaos and consumers paying more at the grocery store. America's farmers represent about two percent of the population, yet they feed 100 percent of the nation and serve as a cornerstone of national security. They deserve clarity. They deserve stability. And they deserve a federal regulatory framework that reflects sound science and uniform standards. We strongly urge the Committee to preserve Section 10205 in the final markup and to advance the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 without weakening this critical provision. America's agricultural producers and the nation's food security depend on it."

**NATIONAL RURAL LENDING ROUNDTABLE: A. Riddick Skinner, President (in a letter to the Committee)**

"As the President of the National Rural Lending Roundtable, I write to thank you for introducing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Your leadership in advancing a comprehensive farm bill that strengthens American agriculture, supports rural communities, and reinforces our national security framework is deeply appreciated. The legislation as a whole demonstrates a forward-looking commitment to ensuring long-term stability in the agricultural sector. The bill reinforces the importance of a resilient domestic food system by addressing the challenges facing producers, supply chains, and importantly rural economies. A strong farm bill is foundational not only to economic growth in rural America, but also to national preparedness and competitiveness in an increasingly uncertain global landscape. I am pleased with many aspects of the bill, including the enhanced loan amounts available under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), the responsible ceiling on farm ownership, and the reestablishment of the Food Supply Chain Program. These provisions strengthen access to capital for producers, promote fairness and sustainability in agricultural markets, and help ensure that American food supply chains remain secure and resilient in the face of disruption. Thank you again for your leadership on this important legislation and for your continued commitment to farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the country."

**OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU: Stacey Simunek, President**

“On behalf of Oklahoma’s largest agricultural organization, the Oklahoma Farm Bureau, with more than 81,000 member families, we offer support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. In Oklahoma, farmers are facing record high input costs and historically low field and specialty crop prices, squeezing margins, and putting real pressure on family farms. This legislation delivers much-needed certainty for farmers and ranchers at a time when they need it most.”

**ANIMAL HEALTH INSTITUTE:**

“The Animal Health Institute (AHI) strongly supports enactment of the Healthy Dog Importation Act and urges Congress to adopt it as part of the Farm Bill. AHI is the trade association representing companies that make animal health products, the pharmaceuticals, vaccines, feed additives and diagnostics used in modern food production, and the medicines that keep pets healthy. This legislation strengthens health requirements for dogs entering the U.S. and aims to address gaps in current regulations. It will ensure that dogs are vaccinated against rabies and other diseases and are tested for parasites. Proper vaccination is important to maintain the health of animals and to protect the health of people. Proper veterinary care and biosecurity are important. By ensuring pets are healthy, the legislation also reduces the risk the zoonotic diseases, like rabies, could be passed on to people. Thanks to the work of the lead sponsors of the Healthy Dog Importation Act (HDIA), in collaboration with a broad coalition of veterinary, livestock, companion animal and animal health advocates. This legislation will protect public health by ensuring that zoonotic diseases do not enter the US by coming across our borders. It protects potential pet owners from both disease risks and unexpected expenses in caring for their pets. We urge Congress to adopt this important bipartisan legislation.”

**IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION: Tom Adam, President**

“The 2026 Farm, Food, and National Security Act is a meaningful step forward for Iowa soybean farmers. By protecting access to essential crop protection tools, modernizing lending programs to better reflect today’s realities, and expanding trade promotion efforts that help sustain and grow international markets, this legislation will help Iowa farmers stay competitive and resilient.”

**CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS: Heidi Kolbeck-Urlacher, Policy Director (in a letter to the Committee)**

“On behalf of the Center for Rural Affairs, we write in support of the RMAP provisions included in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. RMAP plays an important role in the Administration’s efforts to improve economic opportunities in rural America, and the outlined provisions will help ensure the program works effectively and efficiently in the years to come. The Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) provides low-interest loans and technical assistance grants to Microentrepreneur Development Organizations (MDOs) such as the Center, who then provide loans and technical assistance to microentrepreneurs who lack access to capital and business training. Ultimate loan recipients must be located in a rural area and employ 10 or fewer individuals. RMAP offers more favorable loan terms for borrowers, is less restrictive on the use of proceeds, and is more friendly toward agricultural family-based businesses.

RMAP can ease the pain points that are unique to many small businesses in rural America. It helps address the lack of available credit and financial market conditions that constrain microenterprise activities—conditions that often limit rural economies’ ability to create jobs, enhance amenities, and increase incomes, thereby hindering rural families’ ability to prosper. Since loans and grants were first awarded in 2010, the Center has used the program to serve an estimated 3,750 small business clients through technical assistance and distribute more than \$1.9 million in loans to rural microentrepreneurs and is only one of hundreds of MDOs using RMAP to serve rural communities across the country.

Beyond reauthorization of the program through 2031, the bill amends RMAP statute by increasing the maximum loan size to a microentrepreneur from \$50,000 to \$75,000, accounting for inflation since the program’s inception, modifying the prohibition on new construction to allow for the renovation of existing buildings, and allowing MDOs to fully source loans with RMAP funds.

We are pleased to support these provisions. Thank you for your support of RMAP in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026.”

**CALIFORNIA WALNUT COMMISSION: Robert Verloop, Chief Executive Officer**

“The California Walnut Commission appreciates the efforts of Chairman Thompson and members of the Committee to advance the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. This legislation continues to build upon the strong foundation laid by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act last year to support important trade, risk management and research programs that benefit our growers. We urge the swift passage of this legislation to bring comprehensive farm bill reauthorization and the certainty it provides to our members.”

**SOUTHERN COTTON GROWERS: Nick McMichen, Cherokee County and Alabama President**

“The Southern Cotton Growers (SCG), whose members operate diversified farming operations in six Southeastern states and account for approximately 30% of annual U.S. cotton production, urge adoption of H.R. 7567, The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. The provisions in the recently enacted Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2025 provide important benefits for Southeast cotton producers by updating marketing loan provisions and crop insurance options. H.R. 7567 includes provisions that further enhance those provisions. The Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) program provides producers an opportunity to finance and market their crop in an orderly manner in response to market conditions. However, during a government shutdown, such as the one experienced during Fall 2025, the ability to enter and redeem cotton utilizing the marketing assistance loan is disrupted. This interruption adversely impacts producers who need working capital provided by loan entries and income provided by loan redemptions. It also interrupts cotton flow to the market, which creates uncertainty when building demand by being a reliable supplier is critical. The provision in H.R. 7567 that ensures there will be no interruption in the operation of the marketing loan program assures customers that cotton flow will not be interrupted by a government shutdown. Southeast cotton producers are dedicated stewards of their land and the environment. A uniform regulatory standard governing use of crop protection products will provide certainty and continuity for our producers, rather than a patchwork of confusing and inconsistent state regulations. During consideration of H.R. 7567, the SCG urges the Committee to reject any efforts to amend and weaken the provisions of the recently enacted farm law. Southeast cotton producers continue to face unprecedented financial challenges, and obtaining 2026 operating finances will be problematic for many well-managed operations. Any unexpected changes in the cotton program will undermine lenders' and customers' confidence and will adversely impact opportunities to regain financial stability. Thank you for your consideration of our views and recommendations and for your continued leadership on behalf of production agriculture during these challenging times.”

**CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU: Shannon Douglass, President**

“On behalf of the California's farmers, ranchers and foresters, I am writing to express California Farm Bureau's support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. California Farm Bureau is California's largest farm organization, comprised of 54 county Farm Bureaus currently representing approximately 28,000 agricultural, associate, and collegiate members in 57 counties. Farm Bureau strives to protect and improve the ability of farmers, ranchers and foresters engaged in production agriculture to provide a reliable, safe, an affordable supply of food and fiber through responsible stewardship

of our natural resources. California Farm Bureau greatly appreciates your ongoing dedication to advancing the farm bill process and including key provisions that will modernize farm policy, increase certainty and enhance the competitiveness of California's farms and ranches. As you know, farmers and ranchers have been without certainty of a new farm bill since it first expired in 2023 and farmers across America have been grappling with low commodity prices, rising supply costs, inflation and uncertain international trade dynamics. The time for Congress to pass a new farm bill is now. While H.R. 1 included helpful provisions for many, there are still numerous important programs critical to California agriculture that need updating. Although we are disappointed to see a redirection of some Environmental Quality Incentives Program funding, a critical working lands conservation program for California, we believe the Farm, Food and National Security Act overall provides our producers with more certainty thus strengthening America's rural communities. We are especially appreciative of the inclusion of the following provisions: • Expanded access to risk management tools as well as a standing framework for providing support to specialty crop producers in times of economic hardship. • Incentivization of innovation and technology, including the promotion of precision agriculture within conservation programs. • Rural development investments especially those provisions strengthening broadband access in rural communities. • Expanded funding for both the Foreign Market Development Program (FMD) and Market Access Program (MAP). Both programs have been well received by farmers and offer improved opportunities for producers to bring their goods to international markets. • Reauthorization and approval of funds for several research programs and initiatives, particularly those focusing on animal health, pests, and plant diseases. Renewed investments into veterinary medicine will also bring much-needed support. • Enhancement of forest management for forest health and wildfire risk reduction. Passing an updated farm bill is critical to managing risk on the farm, keeping rural communities thriving and feeding our nation and the world. Once again, we thank you for your dedication to modernizing America's farm policy and strongly support Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026."

**ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS: Brian P. McGuire, President and CEO**

"On behalf of Associated Equipment Distributors (AED), I am writing to express our strong support for the passage of H.R. 7567, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urge all House Agriculture Committee members to support this critical legislation. AED members sell, rent, service and manufacture agriculture, construction, forestry, mining, energy, municipal and industrial equipment. Our members, which are predominantly small to medium-sized, independent, family-owned businesses, provide high-paying jobs and serve as positive forces within communities throughout the country. AED members operate in every congressional district and are integral to farming and ranching operations. The farm economy needs long-term certainty, and

the Farm, Food, and National Security Act will help put the agriculture sector back on the path to prosperity. AED strongly supports provisions buttressing the safety nets for farmers, enhanced rural development programs, continued biofuels research, expanding specialty crop programs, incentivizing precision agriculture technologies, and increasing grants and loans for rural broadband. These provisions are critically important for farmers and the companies that supply and service the equipment needed in their operations. The agriculture economy is the backbone of our nation and equipment dealers are essential partners in ensuring America's agriculture sector thrives. AED urges strong, bipartisan support for the Farm, Food and National Security Act, and looks forward to working with lawmakers in the House and Senate to provide much needed certainty, support, and stability to farmers, ranchers, and rural America. Thank you for your consideration and service to our nation."

**U.S. PEANUT FEDERATION: Jamie Brown, Chairman**

"With the current state of the U.S. farm economy, we appreciate Chairman Thompson's leadership in prioritizing the completion of the Farm Bill and providing certainty to America's producers. The inclusion of enhancements to the Marketing Assistance Loan program and new investments in food assistance programs will benefit the entire U.S. peanut industry. We urge the U.S. House Agriculture Committee members to support these important provisions by passing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026."

**AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD TRANSPORTERS, CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS, AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, AMERICAN SHEEP INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, LIVESTOCK MARKETING ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION, NATIONAL PORK PRODUCERS COUNCIL, NATIONAL SORGHUM PRODUCERS, NATIONAL TURKEY FEDERATION, RURAL & AGRICULTURE COUNCIL OF AMERICA, AND UNITED STATES CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION:**

"The undersigned organizations representing America's farmers, ranchers, and partners write in strong support of Section 12006 of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, which provides much needed certainty in farm country. California's 2018 ballot measure known as Proposition 12, and the implications of the Supreme Court's decision in National Pork Producers Council v. Ross, has caused significant detrimental impacts and uncertainty on our members' farms and ranches, especially small and medium-sized farms. We strongly urge Congress to include this critical provision in the Farm Bill reauthorization to prevent an unsustainable patchwork of 50 conflicting state laws that would burden producers, snarl interstate commerce, and increase food affordability.

Proposition 12 prohibits the sale of pork, veal, and eggs produced from animals not housed according to the state's arbitrary requirements. In May 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that only Congress has the authority to step in and protect American agriculture from regulatory chaos posed by laws such as Proposition 12. Both the Trump and Biden Administrations have recognized that this situation is untenable. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins stated that "[Proposition 12] is not just affecting California. It's affecting multitudes of other states, multitudes of other parts of the ag community, including our hog family farms."<sup>1</sup> USDA Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden similarly warned that if one state can block products from another, the nation "ceases to function as a unified national market," emphasizing that this "is not a partisan issue."<sup>2</sup> These concerns mirror those raised during the Biden Administration. Then-Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack cautioned that failing to address Proposition 12 would create, "chaos in the marketplace."<sup>3</sup> stressing that "farmers do not need the chaos, they need clarity and certainty."<sup>4</sup> Our organizations strongly agree on this bipartisan consensus. Without immediate congressional action, agriculture is at risk of arbitrary and conflicting state laws across all 50 states on a myriad of issues. Laws like California's Proposition 12 lack scientific evidence to support their reasoning. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), which represents more than 111,000 members, stated that "because no one husbandry style is appropriate for all circumstances, regulations aimed at improving animal welfare should be based upon scientific evidence and the professional judgement of veterinarians."<sup>5</sup> In a letter to this Committee, AVMA further stated that "the arbitrary housing requirements in Prop 12 do not objectively improve animal welfare and may unintentionally cause harm." Nevertheless, since Proposition 12's enforcement, similar ballot measures are being considered in other states, such as Oklahoma. If approved, these would increase sow housing size requirements beyond Proposition 12 for producers to sell in the state. This means that pork producers nationwide, regardless of whether they have converted to be Prop. 12-compliant, would yet again be out of compliance to access another state market. This would harm small and medium-sized farms most severely by imposing massive compliance costs and forcing significant consolidation throughout agriculture. According to studies by North Carolina State University and Iowa State University economists, constructing new, Proposition 12-compliant barns can cost 25-40% more per sow than other housing styles, not including the estimated 15% higher operating costs per pig caused by reduced productivity.<sup>6</sup> Not only is the financial burden of Proposition 12 being felt by pork producers, but consumers are now facing much higher prices for covered pork products. The latest reports by the USDA's Office of the Chief Economist and North Dakota State University found that since Proposition 12 was implemented, prices for covered products in California have increased nearly 24% on average, with pork loins still sitting 30% higher due to Proposition 12.

USDA economists have also found that purchase volumes of covered products in California declined by nearly 20% based on Circana scanner data. Another study by

economists at Iowa State University and Kansas State University found that if other states adopt similar measures, it could cost U.S. consumers more than \$40 billion over 15 years. With food affordability top of mind for many families, Congress must protect consumers' access to affordable food and safeguard the farmers and producers who work every day to provide it.

Section 12006 protects our nation's robust food supply chains and the freedom of farmers across the country to raise food in the best possible way. This approach also continues allowing states to act independently by imposing laws that impact commerce within their borders and regulating practices occurring there. California and other states could continue to regulate pork production within their borders while protecting the rights of other states to make their own determinations.

As the Supreme Court's decision made clear: only Congress has the authority to prevent chaos in the marketplace and provide farmers the certainty they need. If Congress fails to act, the chaos from a segmented market will drive consolidation and force American family farmers out of business, as the rest of agriculture remains exposed. We ask Congress to support Section 12006 in the upcoming Farm Bill and urge you to ensure any Farm Bill reauthorization provides certainty to producers and protects their investments from a 50-state compliance patchwork."

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE FORESTERS: Jay Farrell, Executive Director**

"The National Association of State Foresters appreciates the ongoing work of the House Agriculture Committee to provide federal and state forest managers, as well as private forestland landowners, with the means necessary to meet the myriad of challenges our nation's forests face in the 21st century. State Foresters applaud several provisions in the "Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, particularly those that will increase states' ability to implement State Forest Action Plans and bolster national reforestation and forest health efforts. Other key actions in the Forestry Title will improve the ability for private forestland owners to recover from disaster, as well as provide new tools to increase the pace and scale of active forest management, cross-boundary work, and rapid and effective response to insects, disease and wildfire."

**ARIZONA COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION: Jadee Rohner, Executive Director**

"On behalf of the Arizona Cotton Growers Association, we write to express our strong support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act ("Skinny Farm Bill"). This legislation includes several critical provisions that will strengthen the farm safety net, improve risk management tools, and provide much-needed certainty for cotton growers facing volatile markets and increasingly unpredictable production conditions. Arizona cotton

producers operate in one of the most water-limited and drought-prone regions of the country. Reliable federal programs are essential to maintaining production, supporting rural economies, and sustaining the domestic textile supply chain. Ensuring that Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) remain fully operational during any lapse in federal funding is particularly important for our growers. During recent disruptions, delays in loan processing created significant marketing challenges and cash-flow uncertainty. The bill's provisions to maintain uninterrupted program functionality will help preserve orderly marketing and ensure U.S. cotton remains a dependable supplier to domestic and international customers. We also strongly support the directive for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to research a crop insurance product that incentivizes harvest in years of low production. Additionally, we appreciate the inclusion of language to establish a uniform national regulatory standard for the use of crop protection products. Arizona growers are committed to safe, responsible stewardship and already operate under stringent federal requirements. A consistent regulatory framework will help avoid a fragmented state-by-state approach that could disrupt production, increase costs, and reduce the availability of essential tools needed to produce a high-quality crop efficiently and sustainably. Cotton remains a cornerstone crop in Arizona agriculture, contributing significantly to local economies and the broader U.S. fiber supply chain. The provisions included in this legislation will help ensure that producers in our state—and across the Cotton Belt—can continue to operate competitively while managing growing environmental and economic risks."

**SOUTH TEXAS COTTON AND GRAIN ASSOCIATION: Jeff Nunley, Executive Director**

"I am writing on behalf of members of South Texas Cotton & Grain Association in strong support of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act (H.R. 7567). We appreciate your efforts to craft a bill which addresses provisions that were not included in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and builds on the farm safety net and crop insurance enhancements that were passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump on July 4, 2025. Improvements which ensure the Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) program remains fully operational in the event of a lapse in federal government funding are critical for our farmers. The MAL plays an important role in the flow of cotton through the marketing chain. During the shutdown in fall 2025, our producers were severely impacted when the Marketing Loan ceased operations because this occurred during the height of cotton ginning season when cotton is moving from gin to warehouse and is normally enrolled in the MAL to provide much needed cashflow to farmers. We appreciate the reforms in H.R.7567 that will provide clarity and certainty in the event of future government shutdowns so that our producers are not left in limbo until funding is restored. We also appreciate your inclusion of language directing USDA to research a crop insurance product to incentivize harvest in years of low production when farmers

are faced with a difficult decision of spending more to harvest the crop than the crop will return in farm revenue. This has become a more common occurrence in recent years as harvest expenses and equipment costs have risen dramatically in the face of drought reduced crop yields. We believe a product like the Harvest Cost Endorsement (HCE) which our association has helped develop in cooperation with the National Cotton Council would provide stability for our farmers while also benefitting cotton infrastructure like cotton gins, warehouses, and other downstream segments of the industry. We are grateful for your continued leadership and all the work you do on behalf of our farmers and urge all Committee members to support the Farm, Food, and National Security Act."

### **GEORGIA COTTON COMMISSION: Bart Davis, Chairman**

"The Georgia Cotton Commission (GCC) is a producer-funded organization representing roughly 3,000 family farmers that grow cotton in Georgia. Our efforts focus on programs facilitating the latest research, promotion, and education essential to support our farmers. The GCC is grateful to each of you, your fellow Members of Congress that serve on the Committee on Agriculture, and all the staff members who have committed time and service into the development of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act. This legislation, if passed, would be essential to the success of our producers by furthering the safety net provisions included in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Cotton producers across the country face uncertainties every day. If the Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) program operations are fully secure in the event that a government shutdown occurs, this would be one less item to add to their already heavy load. Yield is another factor that may be uncertain to producers. The establishment of the Harvest Cost Endorsement (HCE) would incentivize harvest in years of low yield, in which case harvesting costs would be unreasonable. The expansion of these provisions would not only keep farmers in business and enhance rural communities but also support the movement of the entire cotton supply chain. Lastly, Georgia producers are well respected for their outstanding stewardship of crop protection products. The efforts to establish a nationwide regulatory standard guiding the use of these products would reduce confusion about state-specific regulations. It is imperative that producers are in accord with one another to ensure they always have access to every tool they need to make a successful crop. We understand there is still work to be done, but our producers need help as soon as possible if they are to stay afloat. The Georgia Cotton Commission is here to be a resource through this process and implore all Committee members to support the Farm, Food, and National Security Act."

**MIDWEST DAIRY COALITION: Steven D. Etka, Policy Director**

“I am writing on behalf of the dairy farmer cooperative members of the Midwest Dairy Coalition to express support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.R. 7567). The bill includes key provisions beneficial to dairy farmers. Specifically, the bill: • Extends the Dairy Indemnity Program and the Dairy Research and Promotion Program through 2031, and makes the Dairy Forward Pricing Program permanent. • Expands the existing SNAP Healthy Fluid Milk Incentive Program to include whole milk and hard cheeses and renames the program as the Dairy Nutrition Incentive Program. We would also support an amendment to include yogurt as an allowable food for the program. • Reflects Dairy Guidelines for Americans (DGAs) updated recommendations on full-fat dairy. • Includes a technical amendment to ensure that the recently enacted Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act also applies to school breakfasts. • Addresses unfair dairy trade practices of foreign countries by including a provision directing USDA to give a higher priority to addressing “geographic indicator” trade barriers related to restrictions on use of common food names, including cheese names such as parmesan or feta. • Even though the Reconciliation bill (H.R. 1) included initial funding for USDA to conduct a mandatory, audited cost of manufacturing survey every two years, the bill includes specific details on how that survey will take place and ensures that the USDA authority to conduct the survey continues for the long term. • Reauthorizes the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network through 2031 and improves the program by allowing grants to provide mental health counseling via farm telephone helplines, websites, and crisis hotlines, and includes other provisions to ensure farmers have access to a comprehensive scope of mental health and substance use treatments and supports. Thank you both for your support of these important dairy provisions.”

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MEAT PROCESSORS: Chris Young, Executive Director**

“The American Association of Meat Processors appreciates Chair Thompson’s leadership in advancing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. This bill provides important support for small and very small meat processors, including ensuring stable access to capital, expanding our workforce, and incentivizing growth. We look forward to continuing to work with the Committee to advance this important legislation.”

**GEORGIA CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION: Lee Neel, President**

“As the Committee on Agriculture approaches the legislative markup for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, the Georgia Corn Association (GCGA) appreciates your work to support America’s farmers, rural communities, and consumers in the farm bill. Georgia corn growers are grateful for the improvements to the Market

Access Program (MAP)/ Foreign Market Development program (FMD) and reauthorization of key commodity programs in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA) in 2025. While several important and longstanding farm bill priorities for corn growers were addressed through that landmark bill, Georgia corn growers recognize that the budget reconciliation process was not able to include important farm bill policy provisions. Many key farm bill policies still need to be addressed. Georgia corn growers support the bipartisan development and passage of a "Farm Bill 2.0" this Congress to address the conservation, credit, rural development, research and energy titles. As the legislative process moves forward, corn growers will continue to advocate for additional policy enhancements and are prepared to defend against harmful amendments. Georgia corn growers appreciate the leadership of Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Craig, and Members of the Committee for their service to agriculture and rural America. As the Committee considers the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, GCGA appreciates the consideration of our view. Georgia corn growers would like to see this process move forward in a bipartisan manner and for a farm bill to be signed into law this year."

**AMERICAN FOREST FOUNDATION, AMERICAN FORESTS, AMERICAN SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION, ARCHERY TRADE ASSOCIATION, ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES, BLACK LANDOWNERS AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LAND TRUST, BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB, CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION, CATCH-A-DREAM FOUNDATION, CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S FOUNDATION, DALLAS SAFARI CLUB, DELTA WATERFOWL, DUCKS UNLIMITED, FOREST LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, GULF COAST LAND TRUST, HOUSTON SAFARI CLUB, LAND TRUST ALLIANCE, MANULIFE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT , MISSISSIPPI LAND TRUST, MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRUST, MULE DEER FOUNDATION, NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF FOREST OWNERS, NATIONAL BOBWHITE & GRASSLAND INITIATIVE FOUNDATION, NATIONAL DEER ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION, NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION, NORTH AMERICAN FALCONERS ASSOCIATION, NORTH AMERICAN GROUSE PARTNERSHIP, PHEASANTS FOREVER, POPE AND YOUNG CLUB, QUAIL FOREVER, RAYONIER, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICE, LLC, ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION, SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL, SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS, SOUTH CAROLINA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION, SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE FOUNDATION, TENNESSEE WILDLIFE FEDERATION, THE CARBON FUND, THE CONSERVATION FUND, THE MOLPUS WOODLANDS GROUP, LLC, THE WESTERVELT COMPANY, THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY, THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP, WAGNER FOREST MANAGEMENT, LTD., WHITE OAK INITIATIVE, WHITETAILED UNLIMITED, WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION, WILDLIFE FOREVER, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE, AND WILDLIFE MISSISSIPPI:**

"On behalf of America's millions of conservationists, fish and wildlife professionals, hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts, we write to express our support for the

funding allocations within the Conservation Title of H.R. 7567, the Farm Food and National Security Act of 2026.

Thanks to recent investments that have bolstered voluntary private lands conservation opportunities support through the Farm Bill, we now have an opportunity to secure the single largest, long-term federal investment in conservation in our Nation's 250-year history. We appreciate your work through this Farm Bill to preserve and protect this funding within the Conservation Title. Furthermore, through a relatively small reallocation of these dollars within the Title, this bill provides a strong conservation investment across the pressing conservation needs for agriculture and forestry. The funding reallocations cover the costs of streamlining and providing important policy changes to the programs of the Conservation Title, securing funding for the eradication of destructive non-native species, and addressing other priority conservation needs. Together, these actions will help more producers voluntarily conserve working agricultural and forest lands while strengthening the profitability, resilience, and sustainability of their operations.

The Farm Bill remains one of the most consequential conservation measures considered by Congress. Voluntary, incentive-based programs authorized in the Conservation Title support the private lands that provide most of the nation's fish and wildlife habitat and public access opportunities. After the expiration of the last full Farm Bill in 2023 and years of short-term extensions, moving the legislative process forward is both urgent and necessary. While additional work remains ahead, this proposal represents a constructive and timely foundation for the bipartisan collaboration required to deliver a final Farm Bill that benefits all stakeholders.

We look forward to continuing working with you throughout the legislative process to ensure the Conservation Title continues to deliver strong outcomes for fish and wildlife habitat, working agricultural and forest lands, and the American people."

**FARM CREDIT ASSOCIATIONS OF ARKANSAS C/O FARM CREDIT OF WESTERN ARKANSAS, AGHERITAGE FARM CREDIT, AND MIDAMERICA FARM CREDIT:**

"The Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas are supportive of the passage of the 2026 Farm Bill to support American agriculture. Even though the bill does not contain 100 percent of the Farm Credit issues, it does provide much needed support for the American Farmers, Rancher and rural America. We will continue to work on issues that are important to Farm Credit and Farm Credit customers owners. With the U.S. farm economy and rural communities facing ongoing challenges, we cannot and should not wait to finish the Farm Bill. We urge the House Agriculture Committee to advance the Farm Bill 2.0 process to ensure these forward-looking policies are enacted in 2026. Farm

Credit supports Chairman Thompson's draft and looks forward to working with members on both sides of the aisle to secure passage."

### **ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU:**

"On behalf of Illinois Farm Bureau, I respectfully ask for your support of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 during the House Agriculture Committee markup scheduled for Monday, February 23rd.

Farmers have been without the certainty of a new farm bill since it first expired in 2023, operating under a bill passed in 2018 that is not reflective of today's world of agriculture. It is finally time for Congress to pass a modernized, five-year farm bill. Low commodity prices, rising input costs, inflation, and outdated policy continue to strain Illinois farmers.

We are encouraged that this farm bill will provide much needed certainty to Illinois farmers through the following provisions, many of which are bipartisan policy provisions:

- Enhancements to standing disaster programs, expanded eligibility, and a framework to deliver future assistance to specialty crops.
- Improvements to EQIP, CSP, and the reauthorization of CRP through 2031.
- Increased funding for trade promotion programs such as MAP, FMD, EMP, TASC, and PTF.
- Authorization of state-led local food purchasing programs similar to LFPA, and inclusion of full-fat fluid milk in SNAP dietary incentives.
- Updates to loan limits and resources for new, young, beginning, and veteran farmers in their transition to farming.
- Strengthening broadband connectivity to rural communities.
- Prioritization of mental health, behavioral health, and maternal health projects and establishment of rural childcare initiatives.
- Support for research and development for specialty crops as well as land-grant and non-land-grant colleges of agriculture.
- Establishment of a commission on NASS modernization to improve the efficiency of NASS data collection and quality of the statistics reported.
- Increased access to REAP.
- Affirmation of sustainable aviation fuel as an advanced biofuel.

- Improvements to the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.
- Reaffirms EPA as the sole authority for pesticide safety determinations, while preserving states' ability to further regulate their use.
- Establishes an advisory committee for specialty crop growers to ensure they have a seat at the table during crop insurance policy discussions.
- Provides a legislative fix to Proposition-12.
- Reforms reporting requirements under AFIDA to ensure accuracy and transparency of data on farmland owned by foreign persons or entities.

Farmers have operated under an extension for too long and need long-term certainty. A modernized farm bill extends beyond the farm gate. It protects our nation's food supply, expands access to nutrition for families facing hunger, advances conservation, and supports agricultural innovation.

Passage of a modernized, five-year farm bill and a legislative fix to Proposition-12 are top priorities for Illinois Farm Bureau. We strongly urge your support during Committee markup to advance this legislation. We must deliver for Illinois farmers.

We appreciate your continued support of Illinois agriculture and your partnership with Illinois Farm Bureau. We urge a yes vote and look forward to continuing to work together.

Thank you for your consideration."

#### **AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION:**

"Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the Committee, the American Bankers Association (ABA) 1 appreciates the opportunity to provide our views on H.R. 7567, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, commonly known as the 2026 Farm Bill, which is scheduled for Committee consideration on March 3, 2026. We appreciate the Committee's continued work to support farmers, ranchers, and rural communities through this critical legislation.

Banks remain one of the primary sources of credit for America's agricultural producers. Banks that offer agricultural lending products serve a wide range of customers—large and small farms, urban agriculture operations, beginning farmers, and USDA-defined historically underserved producers, including women and minority farmers and ranchers. A strong agricultural economy requires strong credit availability, and the banking industry stands ready to continue meeting the financial needs of rural America. Banks play a critical role in rural communities, and this bill includes meaningful policy

reforms that will enhance lenders' ability to serve their customers in the years ahead, as producers face ongoing economic challenges, rising input costs, and volatile markets.

The 2026 Farm Bill includes essential tools that support producers and their financial partners, including comprehensive risk management programs, loan guarantees, rural development investments, nutrition assistance, and conservation initiatives. This legislation will strengthen credit availability, enhance risk management, and help agricultural lenders continue serving their customers effectively.

As set forth in greater detail below, the ABA commends the Committee for including many of ABA's priorities in this important legislation, including modernizing Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan guarantee limits, clarifying bona-fide operator rules for beginning farmer programs, modernizing and raising limits for the down payment assistance program, and providing strong each growing season.

ABA supports the inclusion of the following longstanding priorities in the agriculture lending space, included in Title V of the legislation:

- Modernizing FSA loan guarantee limits to meet rising input costs and real estate prices across the country—
  - o Guaranteed Operating Loans: \$3 million, indexed to the Consumer Price Index
  - o Guaranteed Ownership Loans: \$3.5 million, indexed to land values
  - o Direct Operating Loans: \$750,000
  - o Direct Ownership Loans: \$850,000
  - o Microloans: \$100,000
- Clarifying bona fide operator rules for beginning farmer programs, ensuring modern business structures have appropriate access
- Updating and modernizing the FSA Down Payment Assistance Program by removing the arbitrary cap on loan size and instead setting the limit at 45% of the lesser of the purchase price or appraised value
- Providing reliable risk management tools to help producers navigate unpredictable market and climate conditions

We also appreciate revisions to the Farmer Mac statute that would replace outdated acreage limitations and enable all qualified farmers and ranchers to benefit from the competitive pricing and stability of Farmer Mac's secondary market. This new limitation treats all agricultural real estate mortgages equally in alignment with prudent lending practices and safety standards. Further, ABA is supportive of language to create an "express loan" pilot program at USDA for guaranteed and direct loans. Farmers and ranchers should have the ability to access credit quickly if necessary.

The legislation's narrow authority allowing Farm Credit System institutions to participate in rural development loans incorporates two critical safeguards supported by ABA: the loans must be publicly reported and transparent; and system lenders must offer participation to a local bank. These provisions help ensure accountability and encourage fair competition in rural lending markets.

However, ABA is concerned by language in Title V of H.R. 7567 stipulating that the Farm Credit Administration shall be the sole and independent regulator of the Farm Credit System with respect to activities subject to the bill. This provision could create disparate compliance burdens among lenders in the market due to the uneven regulatory scrutiny of lenders by varying federal agencies. This uneven application of federal lending laws between the banking industry and Farm Credit System could negatively impact American consumers and businesses, particularly in the form of reduced access to credit. ABA urges the Committee to take measures to achieve competitive neutrality across agricultural lenders to ensure lenders are able to effectively offer robust, affordable credit to consumers across the country.

#### Conclusion

The ABA appreciates the Committee's thoughtful work on this legislation. Thank you for your leadership and for considering the views of America's agricultural lenders."

#### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CROP INSURERS: Scott Graves, President**

"On behalf of the crop insurance industry and the private-sector partners who work every day to serve America's farmers and ranchers, we write to express our strong support for your leadership of the House Committee on Agriculture and our continued commitment to working with you to protect and strengthen our nation's risk management system. Crop insurance remains the cornerstone of the agricultural safety net. It provides producers with reliable, market-based protection against weather, market volatility, and other uncontrollable risks, while safeguarding taxpayers through a proven public-private partnership. Under your leadership, the Committee has consistently recognized the value of this system and the importance of preserving its integrity, accessibility, and financial soundness. We greatly appreciate the constructive and collaborative relationship that has developed between the Committee and the crop insurance delivery system. Your openness to stakeholder input and your commitment to practical, producer-focused policy have helped ensure that crop insurance continues to meet the needs of farmers across all regions, crops, and farm sizes. As Congress considers the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, we stand ready to work with you to strengthen and modernize crop insurance in ways that expand participation, improve affordability, and maintain widespread availability. We share your commitment to ensuring that the program remains economically viable for

private-sector investment while delivering dependable protection to producers nationwide. The public-private partnership that underpins crop insurance is a model of effective governance and responsible stewardship. It combines federal oversight and support with private-sector efficiency, innovation, and customer service. Preserving this partnership is essential to maintaining a strong, resilient agricultural economy and a secure domestic food supply. We look forward to continuing our close collaboration with you and the Committee in advancing policies that promote risk management, financial stability, and long-term sustainability for American agriculture. Thank you for your leadership and for your ongoing commitment to farmers, ranchers, and the institutions that support them.”

### **THE NATIONAL PECAN FEDERATION: Larry Don Womack, Chairman**

“The National Pecan Federation (NPF) strongly supports the Farm, Food, and National Security Act (H.R. 7567). The bill provides much needed support and resources for pecan producers across the country. NPF commends your leadership, as well as the work of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, in advancing this important legislation that will strengthen American agriculture.

We applaud the enhancements to the Tree Assistance Program which will provide necessary aid to growers especially in times of natural disaster. The amendment and clarification of definitions will ensure clearer eligibility and expand coverage to more orchardists and nursery tree growers, including those impacted by plant pests. Additionally, the improvements to the program streamline the application process, establish timelines for agency decisions, and provide flexibility for growers to replant or salvage trees in ways that best support recovery. The option for initial assistance payments will also help producers access resources sooner, enabling them to address losses and begin recovery without delay.

NPF also appreciates the bill's support for the Specialty Crop Research Initiative, which has played an important role in advancing pecan breeding and production. We further support the inclusion of tree nuts as a permitted commodity in the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

Finally, NPF would like to express its gratitude for the additional funding to the Market Access Program (MAP) which has been highly beneficial to pecan producers through its support of the American Pecan Council, helping expand the presence of American pecans in markets around the world.

We appreciate your continued support for American pecan producers and urge all Committee members to support the Farm, Food, and National Security Act.”

## **U.S. Chamber of Commerce: Rodney Davis, Senior Vice President**

“The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 and urges all Members of the Committee to vote in favor of advancing the legislation to the full House this week. This bill includes several important policies that will benefit America's farmers, ranchers, and businesses. Many of the programs authorized in this legislation serve as a cornerstone for Main Street economies and will foster economic growth in communities nationwide. Our research has demonstrated the vast impacts that the agriculture value chain has on Main Street economies and underscores the need for Congress to act on these issues as soon as possible.

We commend the Committee for including a number of our key policy priorities in this legislation, which are critical to ensuring the needs of the agricultural sector and the broader economy are addressed:

**Promote U.S. and Global Food Security:** The bill prioritizes policies that enhance America's competitiveness to increase exports and promote trade.

**Ensure Federal Preemption for State Standards:** Conflicting state standards governing production, processing, transportation, and labeling create risks for agricultural producers and trade partners. We support specific provisions on the uniformity of pesticide labeling and ensuring the free movement of livestock-derived products in interstate commerce.

**Catalyze Innovation and Advanced Technologies:** The bill promotes precision and regenerative agriculture which will increase production efficiency and sustainability. Investments in renewable feedstocks, cybersecurity protections for agriculture facilities, and research in technologies, like artificial intelligence and digital twins, and soil health will drive innovation and resilience in the sector. We support the bill's inclusion of additional pathways and associated certifications for private companies to deliver needed conservation technical assistance.

**Invest in Rural Infrastructure:** USDA Rural Development programs must be fully funded to address critical broadband, energy, water, and housing infrastructure challenges, including prioritizing programs like the Healthy H2O Act to enhance rural communities' quality of life and economic opportunities.

**Support Animal and Livestock Health:** Federal leadership is essential in research and developing a coordinated national strategy to protect livestock health against risks. We also appreciate the bill for exploring solutions to the institutional and structural challenges that are leading to shortages in the rural, large animal veterinary sector.

As this important bill moves through the legislative process, we would encourage consideration of the following issues:

Following the designation of phosphate and potash as critical minerals, Congress should work with domestic producers to protect and expand domestic production. Congress should also look to update 45X tax credits to include newly listed critical minerals like phosphate and potash.

Leveraging technology solutions to streamline and modernize nutrition programs which would increase access while reducing fraud, waste, and abuse.

The 2026 Farm Bill is not only a lifeline for the agricultural sector but also a critical driver of economic prosperity for Main Street businesses and communities across the country. The U.S. business community stands ready to work with you to ensure the passage of this vital legislation by the Committee as soon as possible."

#### **TEXAS CORN PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION:**

"Texas Corn Producers Association commends Chairman Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for advancing the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Farmers have waited years for a complete farm bill, and this markup is a critical step toward delivering the certainty they need. We appreciate the significant strides made in last year's budget reconciliation to modernize key commodity programs. This legislation completes the job by authorizing the programs farmers depend on every day: crop insurance that serves as the bedrock of financial security for Texas farm families, stronger trade promotion, enhanced conservation programs, continued investment in the Feral Swine Eradication Program, and critical investments in agricultural research and rural communities. With input costs and stagnant commodity prices squeezing both sides of corn farmers' small margins, we cannot afford further delay. We urge the Committee to advance this legislation and encourage Congress to get a farm bill to the President's desk this year. Moving this legislation forward is vital to ensuring farmers can keep farming, and our nation maintains the domestically-grown food security it needs."

#### **NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION: Jim Matheson, CEO**

"America's electric cooperatives are thankful for your leadership and continued engagement in the Farm Bill process. As you know, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) is the national service organization for America's member-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives serving 42 million people in 48 states, including 92 percent of the persistent poverty counties in the United States. We have a deep and long-standing relationship with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which for many decades has provided low-cost loans to facilitate electrification in the hardest to reach parts of the country. We also have a commitment to improving the

communities we serve beyond just poles and wires. Much of that is enabled by programs authorized through the Farm Bill.

We appreciate that Chairman Thompson's Farm, Food, and National Security Act includes reauthorizations and enhancements to key USDA rural development programs, like the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Program, the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), the Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP), and the Rural Cooperative Development Program (RCDG). These programs are important tools our members use to provide benefits beyond electric service and keep costs down for our consumer-members. Continued authorization of both the Community Connect and Middle Mile programs maintain tools available to cooperatives as they seek to expand connectivity to their rural consumers. Additionally, this bill contains important wildfire policies that increase permitting efficiency and support electric cooperatives' ability to perform vegetation management, including categorical exclusions to streamline federal approvals and accelerate critical wildfire mitigation work. Of note, we applaud inclusion of the Fire Safe Electrical Corridors Act, which allows electric utilities to remove felled timber and slash from their rights-of-way in national forests without undergoing timber sales procedures.

Regarding the committee's approach to bridging the digital divide, we appreciate the thoughtful consideration of broadband connectivity needs in rural America. As rural providers work to build

and maintain this infrastructure in hard-to-reach rural areas, setting forward-looking, symmetrical standards that achieve the highest capacity broadband networks will ensure that rural areas have lasting, scalable broadband access for years to come. With that in mind, we appreciate that the legislation designs a more aggressive buildout approach in later years. However, we encourage you to consider a stronger minimum 100/100 standard for near-term projects within USDA broadband programs to reflect symmetrical network capabilities.

Finally, we are concerned about the negative impacts that the limitation on solar energy development will have on rural electric cooperatives. Given the limitation would apply to USDA programs, it would only restrict locally-governed, not-for-profit rural electric utilities serving our country's hardest to reach areas - utilities specifically designed to take local issues into account. It will raise costs by making the process of permitting and siting electric infrastructure more difficult and leave co-ops at a competitive disadvantage in the marketplace. That would ultimately make it more challenging to provide affordable and reliable electricity, and steer ownership of energy generation assets away from locally-owned rural utilities.

We look forward to continuing to work with lawmakers and advocating for electric cooperative priorities as the Farm Bill process continues."

**U.S. DAIRY EXPORT COUNCIL: Krysta Harden, President and CEO**

“We are grateful to Chairman Thompson and the House Agriculture Committee for advancing policies that strengthen the competitiveness of America's dairy industry. These provisions will help reinforce the dairy supply chain, support rural communities, and ensure the United States remains a reliable supplier of high-quality dairy products to markets around the world.”

***In addition to these organizations, we have received over 40 letters of support for Section 3306 of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026.***

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## **ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING FFNS 2026**

**(AS OF MARCH 3, 2026)**

1. AgCredit, ACA
2. AgFirst Farm Credit Bank
3. AgGeorgia Farm Credit
4. AgriBank, FCB
5. Agricultural and Food Transporters Conference of American Trucking Associations
6. Agricultural Retailers Association
7. AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA
8. AgTexas Farm Credit Services
9. AgWest Farm Credit
10. Alabama Ag Credit
11. Alabama Farmers Federation
12. Almond Alliance
13. American AgCredit
14. American Association of Crop Insurers
15. American Association of Meat Processors
16. American Bankers Association
17. American Biogas Council
18. American Conservation Coalition Action
19. American Cotton Shippers Association
20. American Farm Bureau Federation
21. American Farmland Trust
22. American Forest Foundation
23. American Forests
24. American Frozen Food Institute
25. American Horse Council
26. American Kennel Club
27. American Rivers Action Fund
28. American Sheep Industry Association
29. American Soybean Association
30. American Sportfishing Association
31. American Sugar Alliance
32. American Veterinary Medical Association
33. American Wood Council
34. AmericanHort
35. Animal Health Institute
36. Appalachian Community Capital (ACC)
37. Archery Trade Association

38. Arizona Cotton Growers Association
39. Arizona Farm Bureau
40. Associated Equipment Distributors
41. Association of Equipment Manufacturers
42. Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
43. Black Landowners Agricultural and Conservation Land Trust
44. Boone and Crockett Club
45. Breedlove Foods, Inc.
46. California Citrus Mutual
47. California Farm Bureau
48. California Walnut Commission
49. California Waterfowl Association
50. Can Manufacturers Institute
51. Capital Farm Credit
52. Catch-A-Dream Foundation
53. Center for Rural Affairs
54. ClearPath Action
55. CoBank
56. Colonial Farm Credit, ACA
57. Communities Unlimited (CU), Housing Assistance Council (HAC)
58. Compeer Financial
59. Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
60. Consortium for Common Food Names
61. Corn Refiners Association
62. Cotton Warehouse Association of America
63. Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology (CPDA)
64. Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau
65. Crop Insurance Professionals Association (CIPA)
66. Dallas Safari Club
67. Delta Waterfowl
68. Ducks Unlimited
69. Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas c/o Farm Credit of Western Arkansas,  
AgHeritage Farm Credit and MidAmerica Farm Credit -AR
70. Farm Credit Bank of Texas
71. Farm Credit Council
72. Farm Credit of Central Florida
73. Farm Credit of Northwest Florida
74. Farm Credit of Southwest Georgia
75. Farm Credit of the Virginias
76. Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation
77. First South Farm Credit

78. FL Farm Bureau Federation
79. Florida Citrus Mutual
80. Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association
81. FMI - The Food Industry Association
82. Forest Landowners Association
83. Georgia Agribusiness Council
84. Georgia Corn Growers Association
85. Georgia Farm Bureau
86. Global Cold Chain Alliance
87. GPS Innovation Alliance
88. GreenLight Biosciences
89. GreenStone Farm Credit Services
90. Gulf Coast Land Trust
91. High Plains Farm Credit
92. Horizon Farm Credit
93. Houston Safari Club
94. Illinois Farm Bureau
95. Independent Community Bankers of America
96. Indiana Corn and Soy
97. Indiana Farm Bureau
98. Indiana Wildlife Federation
99. International Dairy Foods Association
100. International Economic Development Council (IEDC)
101. Iowa Farm Bureau Federation
102. Iowa Soybean Association
103. Kansas Farm Bureau
104. Kern County Farm Bureau
105. Land Trust Alliance
106. Livestock Marketing Association
107. Malnutrition Advocacy Fund
108. Manulife Investment Management
109. Michigan Farm Bureau
110. Midwest Dairy Coalition
111. Minnesota Corn Growers Association
112. Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
113. Minnesota Pork Producers Association
114. Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
115. Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association
116. Minnesota Turkey Growers Association
117. Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
118. Mississippi Land Trust

119. Mississippi River Trust
120. Modern Ag Alliance
121. Montana Grain Growers Association
122. Mule Deer Foundation
123. National Alliance of Forest Owners
124. National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA)
125. National Association of Conservation Districts
126. National Association of Convenience Stores
127. National Association of Landscape Professionals
128. National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
129. National Association of State Foresters
130. National Association of Wheat Growers
131. National Audubon Society
132. National Bobwhite & Grassland Initiative Foundation
133. National Cattlemen's Beef Association
134. National Chicken Council
135. National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA CLUSA)
136. National Corn Growers Association
137. National Cotton Council of America
138. National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
139. National Crop Insurance Services
140. National Deer Association
141. National Grain and Feed Association
142. National Grocers Association
143. National Milk Producers Federation
144. National Onion Association
145. National Pest Management Association
146. National Pork Producers Council
147. National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
148. National Rural Lenders Roundtable
149. National Shooting Sports Foundation
150. National Sorghum Producers
151. National Sunflower Association
152. National Turkey Federation
153. National Watershed Coalition
154. National Wild Turkey Federation
155. Nebraska Farm Bureau
156. New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau
157. North American Blueberry Council
158. North American Falconers Association
159. North American Grouse Partnership

160. North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation
161. North Carolina Rural Center Partners for Rural Transformation (PRT)
162. Northharvest Bean Growers Association
163. Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
164. Oklahoma Cotton Council
165. Oklahoma Farm Bureau
166. Oklahoma Pork Council
167. Oregon Farm Bureau
168. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau
169. Pet Food Institute
170. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever
171. Pivot Bio
172. Plains Cotton Cooperative Association
173. Plains Cotton Growers Inc.
174. Plains Land Bank
175. Plant Based Product Council
176. Pope and Young Club
177. Rayonier
178. Region Five Development Commission
179. Resource Management Service, LLC
180. Resource Rural
181. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
182. Rolling Plains Cotton Growers
183. RRAN
184. Rural & Agriculture Council of America
185. Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)
186. RUTF Grower Support Letter
187. Safari Club International
188. Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
189. South Carolina Waterfowl Association
190. South Dakota State University
191. Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
192. Southern AgCredit, ACA
193. Southern Cotton Growers, Inc.
194. Southwest Council of Agribusiness
195. Southwest Georgia Farm Credit
196. Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance
197. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation
198. Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
199. Tennessee Wildlife Federation
200. Texas Corn Producers Association

- 201.** Texas Farm Credit Services
- 202.** Texas International Produce Association
- 203.** Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association
- 204.** The Carbon Fund
- 205.** The Coalition to Promote U.S. Agricultural Exports (MAP and FMD Coalition)
- 206.** The Conservation Fund
- 207.** The Fertilizer Institute
- 208.** The Hardwood Federation
- 209.** The Midwest Council on Agriculture
- 210.** The Molpus Woodlands Group, LLC
- 211.** The National Pecan Federation
- 212.** The National Rural Lenders Association
- 213.** The Treated Wood Council
- 214.** The Westervelt Company
- 215.** The Wildlife Society
- 216.** Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- 217.** Torrey Advisory Group
- 218.** U.S. Apple Association
- 219.** U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- 220.** U.S. Dairy Export Council
- 221.** U.S. Peanut Federation
- 222.** U.S. Rice Producers Association
- 223.** United Egg Producers
- 224.** USA Rice
- 225.** USTelecom - The Broadband Association
- 226.** Wagner Forest Management, Ltd.
- 227.** Western Ag Crop Insurance Services
- 228.** Western Peanut Growers Association
- 229.** White Oak Initiative
- 230.** Whitetails Unlimited
- 231.** Wild Sheep Foundation
- 232.** Wildlife Forever
- 233.** Wildlife Management Institute
- 234.** Wildlife Mississippi
- 235.** Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation
- 236.** Yosemite Farm Credit, ACA