July 2, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner Speaker of the House United States House of Representatives H-232 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

America's agriculture, conservation, rural development, finance, forestry, energy and crop insurance companies and organizations strongly urge you to bring the Farm Bill (H.R. 1947, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013) back to the Floor as soon as possible. This important legislation supports our nation's farmers, ranchers, forest owners, food security, natural resources and wildlife habitats, rural communities, and the 16 million Americans whose jobs directly depend on the agriculture industry.

Farm bills represent a delicate balance between America's farm, nutrition, conservation, and other priorities, and accordingly require strong bipartisan support. It is vital for the House to try once again to bring together a broad coalition of lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to provide certainty for farmers, rural America, the environment and our economy in general and pass a five-year farm bill upon returning in July. We believe that splitting the nutrition title from the rest of the bill could result in neither farm nor nutrition programs passing, and urge you to move a unified farm bill forward.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to our continued dialogue as the process moves forward and stand ready to work with you to complete passage of the new five-year Farm Bill before the current law expires again on September 30, 2013.

Sincerely,

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Alabama Ag Credit

Alabama Cotton Commission

Alabama Dairy Producers

Alabama Farm Credit

Alabama Farmers Cooperative

Alabama Farmers Federation

Alabama Pork Producers

Alaska Farmers Union

American AgCredit

American Agriculture Movement

American Association of Avian Pathologists

American Association of Bovine Practitioners

American Association of Crop Insurers

American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners

American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians

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American Beekeeping Federation

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American Feed Industry Association

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American Forest Resource Council

American Forests

American Honey Producers Association

American Malting Barley Association

American Pulse Association

American Public Works Association

American Sheep Industry Association

American Society of Agronomy

American Sugar Alliance

American Sugar Cane League

American Sugarbeet Growers Association

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Arkansas Rice Federation

Arkansas Rice Producers' Group

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California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

California Association of Winegrape Growers

California Avocado Commission

California Canning Peach Association

California Farm Bureau Federation

California Farmers Union

California Forestry Association

California Pork Producers Association

California Wool Growers Association

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Catch-A-Dream Foundation

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Ceres Solutions LLP

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Colorado BioScience Association

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Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau

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Farm Credit Bank of Texas

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Farm Credit Council

Farm Credit Council Services

Farm Credit East

Farm Credit MidSouth

Farm Credit of Central Florida

Farm Credit of Central Oklahoma

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Farm Credit of Florida

Farm Credit of Maine

Farm Credit of Ness City

Farm Credit of New Mexico

Farm Credit of North West Florida

Farm Credit of Southern Colorado

Farm Credit of SW Kansas

Farm Credit of Western Arkansas

Farm Credit of Western Kansas

Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma

Farm Credit Services of America

Farm Credit Services of Illinois

Farm Credit South

Farm Credit Virginias

Farm Credit West

Farmer Mac

FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative

FCS Financial

FCS of America

FCS of Colusa-Glenn

FCS of East/Central Oklahoma

FCS of Hawaii

FCS of Illinois

FCS of Mandan

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FCS of North Dakota

FCS of Southwest

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Georgia Farm Bureau Federation

Georgia Forestry Association

Georgia Pork Producers Association

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Great Plains Ag Credit

Great Plains Canola Association

Green Diamond Resource Company

Greenstone

GROWMARK, Inc

Growth Energy

Hancock Timber Resource Group

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Hawaii Farmers Union

Hawaii Sugar Farmers

Heritage Land Bank

Holstein Association USA

Idaho Ag Credit

Idaho Dairymen's Association

Idaho Farmers Union

Idaho Forest Group

Idaho Forest Owners Association

Idaho Grain Producers Association

Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization—iBIO®

Illinois Farm Bureau

Illinois Farmers Union

Illinois Pork Producers Association

Independent Beef Association of North Dakota

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Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.

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Indiana Health Industry Forum

Innovative Mississippi - Strategic Biomass Solutions

Intermountain Forest Association

Intertribal Agriculture Council

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

Iowa Farmers Union

Iowa Pork Producers Association

Iowa Sheep Industry Association

IowaBio

Irrigation Association

Irving Woodlands, LLC

Izaak Walton League of America

John Deere Crop Insurance

Kansas Cooperative Council

Kansas Dairy

Kansas Farm Bureau

Kansas Farmers Union

Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association

Kansas Pork Association

Kansas Sheep Association

Kentucky Forest Industries Association

Kentucky Pork Producers Association

Land Improvement Contractors of America

Land O'Lakes

Land Stewardship Project

Land Trust Alliance

Lone Rock Timber Management Co.

Longview Timber LLC

Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.

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Louisiana Rice Producers' Group

Louisiana Sugar Cane Cooperative, Inc.

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Maryland Grain Producers Association

Maryland Sheep Breeders' Association, Inc.

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Massachusetts Forest Alliance

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Michigan Agri-Business Association

Michigan Farm Bureau

Michigan Farmers Union

Michigan Pork Producers Association

Michigan Sugar Company

Michigan-California Timber Company

Mid-West Dairymen's Co.

MidAtlantic Farm Credit

Midwest Dairy Coalition

Midwest Environmental Advocates

Midwest Food Processors Association

Milk Producers Council

Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative

Minnesota Canola Council

Minnesota Corn Growers Association

Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

Minnesota Farmers Union

Minnesota Forest Industries

Minnesota Grain & Feed Association

Minnesota Lamb & Wool Producers

Minnesota Pork Producers Association

Minnesota Timber Producers Association

Mississippi River Trust

Missouri Coalition for the Environment

Missouri Dairy Association

Missouri Farm Bureau Federation

Missouri Farmers Union

Missouri Pork Association

Missouri Sheep Producers

Missouri Soybean Association

The Molpus Woodlands Group

Montana Grain Growers Association

Montana Farmers Union

Mule Deer Foundation

National Association of Counties

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

National All-Jersey

National Alliance of Forest Owners

National Association for the Advancement of Animal Science

National Association of Clean Water Agencies

National Association of Conservation Districts

National Association of Farmer Elected Committees

National Association of Federal Veterinarians

National Association of Forest Service Retirees

National Association of FSA County Office Employees

National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils

National Association of State Conservation Agencies

National Association of State Foresters

National Association of University Forest Resource Programs

National Association of Wheat Growers

National Barley Growers Association

National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative

National Catholic Rural Life Conference

National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research

National Conservation District Employees Association

National Corn Growers Association

National Cotton Council

National Cotton Ginners' Association

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

National Farmers Union

National Farm to School Network

National Grange

National Grape Cooperative Association, Inc.

National Milk Producers Federation

National Network of Forest Practitioners

National Pork Producers Council

National Renderers Association

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

National Sorghum Producers

National Sunflower Association

National Trappers Association

National Wild Turkey Federation

National Woodland Owners Association

Nebraska Cooperative Council

Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation

Nebraska Farmers Union

Nebraska Pork Producers Association

Nevada Farm Bureau Federation

Nevada Wool Growers Association

New England Farmers Union

New Jersey Farm Bureau

New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau

New Mexico Sorghum Association

New York Farm Bureau, Inc.

New York Forest Owners Association

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North American Grouse Partnership

North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.

North Carolina Forestry Association

North Carolina Pork Council

North Dakota Farmers Union

North Dakota Lamb & Wool Producers

North Dakota Pork Producers Council

Northarvest Bean Growers Association

Northeast Dairy Farmers Cooperatives

Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship

Northern California Farm Credit

Northern Canola Growers Association

Northern Forest Center

Northern Pulse Growers Association

Northwest Dairy Association

Northwest Farm Credit Services

Novozymes North America Inc

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Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.

Ohio Farmers Union

Ohio Pork Producers Council

Oklahoma Agribusiness Retailers Association

Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative Council

Oklahoma Farmers Union

Oklahoma Grain & Feed Association

Oklahoma Pork Council

Oklahoma Seed Trade Association

Oklahoma Sorghum Association

Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association

Oregon Association of Nurseries

Oregon Cherry Growers, Inc.

Oregon Dairy Farmers Association

Oregon Farmers Union

Oregon Sheep Growers Association

Oregon Small Woodland Association

Oregon Women in Timber

Orion the Hunter's Institute

Panhandle-Plains Land Bank

Partners for Sustainable Pollination

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

Pennsylvania Farmers Union

Pennsylvania Forest Products Association

Pheasants Forever

Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Plum Creek Timber Company

Pollinator Partnership

Pope and Young Club

Port Blakely Tree Farms, LP

Potlatch Corporation

Prairie Rivers Network

Premier Farm Credit

Puerto Rico Farm Credit

Quality Deer Management Association

Quail Forever

Rayonier Inc.

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Red River Forests, LLC

Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association

Renewable Fuels Association

Resource Management Service, LLC

Rhode Island Sheep Cooperative

Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Ruffed Grouse Society

The Rural Broadband Association

Rural Community Assistance Partnership

Select Milk Producers, Inc.

Seneca Foods

Shasta Forests Timberlands, LLC

Sidney Sugars, Inc.

Sierra Pacific Industries

Society of American Foresters

Soil and Water Conservation Society

Soil Science Society of America

South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation

South Dakota Association of Cooperatives

South Dakota Biotech Association

South Dakota Farmers Union

South Dakota Pork Producers

South Dakota Wheat Growers

South East Dairy Farmers Association

Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association

South Texas Cotton and Grain Association

Southeast Milk Inc.

Southern Cotton Growers, Inc.

Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative

Southern Peanut Farmers Federation

Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association of Texas

Southern States Cooperative, Inc.

Southwest Council of Agribusiness

Southwest Georgia Farm Credit

St. Albans Cooperative

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State Agriculture and Rural Leaders

Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida

Sustainable Forest Initiative

Sustainable Northwest

Tennessee Clean Water Network

Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation

Tennessee Forestry Association

Tennessee Renewable Energy & Economic Development Council

Texas Ag Finance

Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council

Texas Farmers Union

Texas Forestry Association

Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute

Texas Land Bank

Texas Pork Producers Association

Texas Rice Producers Legislative Group

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association

Timberland Investment Resources

Timber Products Company

The Amalgamated Sugar Company

The Bank of Commerce

The Nature Conservancy

The Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

Trust for Public Land

United Dairymen of Arizona

United FCS

U.S. Animal Health Association

U.S. Beet Sugar Association

U.S. Canola Association

U.S. Cattlemen's Association

U.S. Dry Bean Council

U.S. Pea & Lentil Trade Association

U.S. Rice Producers Association

U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance

USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council

USA Rice Federation

Utah Farmers Union

Utah Wool Growers Association

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation

Virginia Forestry Association

Virginia Grain Producers Association

Virginia Pork Industry Board

Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association

Virginia State Dairymen's Association

Washington Biotechnology & Biomedical Association

Washington Farm Bureau

Washington Farmers Union

Washington State Council of Farmer Cooperatives

Washington State Dairy Federation

Welch Foods Inc., A Cooperative

Wells Timberland REIT

Western AgCredit

Western Growers

Western Pea & Lentil Growers

Western Peanut Growers Association

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

Western Sugar Cooperative

Western United Dairymen

The Westervelt Company

Weyerhaeuser Company

Whitetails Unlimited, Inc.

Wild Sheep Foundation

Wildlife Forever

Wildlife Management Institute

Wildlife Mississippi

Wisconsin Agri-Business Association

Wisconsin Farmers Union

Wisconsin Paper Council

Wisconsin Pork Association

Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association

Women Involved in Farm Economics

World Wildlife Fund

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