

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 26, 2023

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

We write to congratulate you on your election as Speaker of the House and to highlight the critical importance of your commitment to prioritizing American farm, ranch, and forester families and the federal policies important to them throughout the remainder of the 118th Congress.

More than 92 percent of our nation's planted acres are represented by Republican Members. Moreover, in 2022, the food and agriculture sectors contributed \$7.4 trillion in economic activity, creating 43 million jobs, \$2.3 trillion in wages, \$718 billion in tax revenue, and \$183 billion in exports, stemming from direct, indirect, and induced output.

Americans today enjoy the safest, most abundant, and affordable food supply in the world. And we accomplish this despite a global market that is awash in high and rising foreign subsidies, tariffs, and other predatory, non-tariff barriers to free and fair trade. Farm country has also faced serious challenges straining the food supply chain throughout the last several years, including impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, weather-related disasters, and skyrocketing input costs, underscoring the importance of the Farm Bill.

Simply put, farm and food security is national security. For a mere one-fifth of one percent of federal spending, the farm safety net, including commodity support programs and crop insurance, provides farmers and ranchers the foundation they need to manage risk, pass their farm or ranch down to the next generation, and continue producing the highest quality, lowest cost food, fuel, fiber, and forestry products in the world.

The Farm Bill is a critical agenda item that must be addressed this Congress. We urge you and the Conference at-large to be united in ensuring swift passage of a strong Farm Bill that is written by farmers, for farmers, and by rural communities, for rural communities – supporting the farm, ranch, and forester families we represent.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you and our colleagues in the House to achieve the important objective of supporting farm country.

Sincerely,



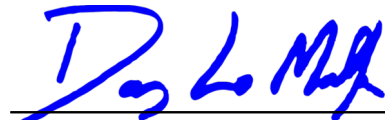
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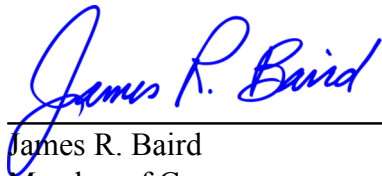
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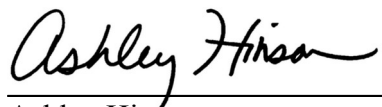
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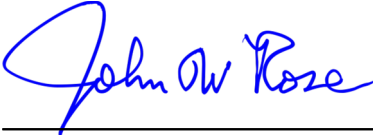
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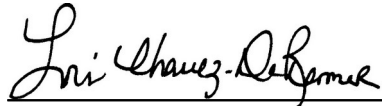
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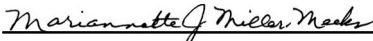
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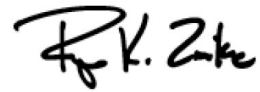
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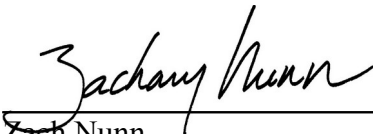
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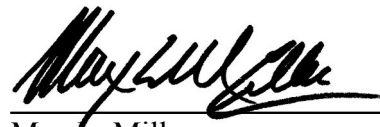
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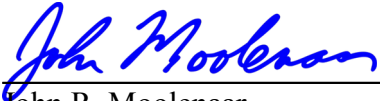
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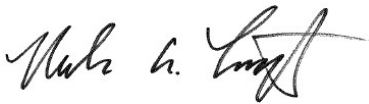
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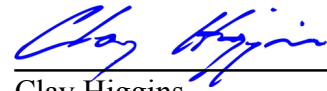
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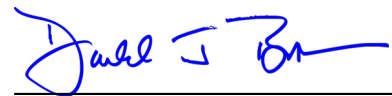
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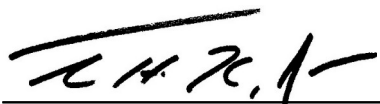
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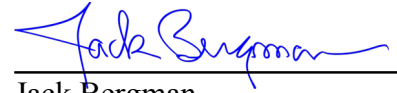
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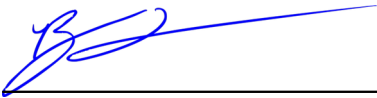
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