

June 5, 2013

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Sen. Reid:

The undersigned organizations are writing to strongly urge you to vote for cloture tomorrow on the consideration of S. 954, *the Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013*.

This bill was crafted in a bipartisan fashion and reported out of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry by a vote of 15-5. It contains major reforms as well as spending cuts to be used to reduce the Federal budget deficit.

This bill affects 16 million Americans whose livelihoods depend on agriculture. We must pass a farm bill this year to provide certainty to those individuals. We must cut unnecessary spending. We must ensure that consumers will continue to have a safe, healthy and affordable food supply. We must provide an effective farm and natural resource safety net. We must invest in initiatives that boost exports, and spur innovations in new industries.

It is vitally important that the Senate support the cloture motion and finish the farm bill in the next few days.

Sincerely,

Advocates for Better Children's Diets
AGP
AgFirst
AgriBank
AgStar Financial Services
American Association of Crop Insurers
American Beekeeping Federation
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Farmland Trust
American Feed Industry Association
American Malting Barley Association
American Pulse Association
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
American Veterinary Medical Association
Apple Processors Association

Associated Milk Producers Inc.
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
American Sheep Industry Association
American Soybean Association
Audubon
Blue Diamond Growers
California Association of Winegrape Growers
California Avocado Commission
California Canning Peach Association
California Date Commission
California Dried Plum Board
California Fig Advisory Board
California Strawberry Commission
California Walnut Commission
Ceres Solutions LLP
CHS
CoBank
Continental Dairy Products
Cooperative Network
Crop Insurance Professionals Association
Crop Science Society of America
CropLife America
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.
Dairy Farmers Working Together
Dairy Producers of New Mexico
Dairylea Cooperative Inc.
Ducks Unlimited
Farm Credit Bank of Texas
Farm Credit Council
Farm Credit East
Farm Credit West
FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative
Farmer Mac
Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association
Growth Energy
GROWMARK
Holstein Association USA, Inc.
Idaho Dairymen's Association
Irrigation Association
Iowa State Dairy Association
Izaak Walton League of America
Kansas Cooperative Council
Land O'Lakes, Inc.

Land Improvement Contractors of America
Land Trust Alliance
Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc.
Michigan Milk Producers Association
Midwest Dairy Coalition Milk Producers Council
Missouri Dairy Association
Montana Stockgrowers Association
National Association of Conservation Districts
National Association of RC&D Councils
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Conservation District Employees Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Grape Cooperative Association Inc.
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pork Producers Council
National Sorghum Producers
National Sunflower Association
National Turkey Federation
National Wildlife Federation
Nebraska Cooperative Council
North American Blueberry Council
Northwest Dairy Association/Darigold
Oregon Cherry Growers, Inc.
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Pheasants Forever
Plains Cotton Cooperative Association
Public Lands Council
Quails Forever
Select Milk Producers, Inc
Soil and Water Conservation Society
Soil Science Society of America
South Dakota Wheat Growers
South East Dairy Farmers Association
Southern Peanut Farmers Federation
Southern States
Southwest Council of Agribusiness
Sunkist Growers
Sunsweet Growers Inc.
The Nature Conservancy

The Trust for Public Land
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
US Cattlemen's Association
US Canola Association
US Dry Bean Council
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council
USA Rice Federation
US Rice Producers Association
United Dairymen of Arizona
Valley Fig Growers Virginia State Dairymen's Association
Welch Foods Inc., A Cooperative
Western Growers
Western Peanut Growers Association
Yankee Farm Credit