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The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President and Madame President,

On behalf of farmers across the United States and Italy, the National Farmers' Union (NFU) and Coldiretti urge you to take immediate steps to de-escalate trade tensions that threaten economic security, rural livelihoods, and the stability of transatlantic agricultural markets.

As highlighted in the enclosed joint declaration, escalating trade measures are imposing severe burdens on farmers, disrupting well-established markets, increasing costs, and adding uncertainty to an already volatile global food system. While trade measures can serve as important tools, broad and retaliatory actions disproportionately harm family farmers—the very people working to ensure food security and economic resilience.

The consequences of continued escalation extend far beyond agriculture. Rising costs, supply chain disruptions, and reduced market access affect consumers, food businesses, and entire rural economies. These tensions weaken the transatlantic partnership at a time when collaboration is needed to address global challenges.

To help break this cycle, we urge you to take immediate, tangible steps toward de-escalation. A constructive first move could be to seek areas where mutual reductions in trade barriers—such as those impacting key agricultural and rural industries—might serve as a foundation for restoring trust and stability. A good-faith effort in this regard would provide immediate relief to impacted sectors and create an opening for broader negotiations that reinforce long-term cooperation.

We stand ready to support diplomatic efforts that prioritize fairness, stability, and sustainable trade policies. A resilient and transparent trade system benefits not just farmers, but consumers and society as a whole. We respectfully ask for your leadership in pursuing solutions that safeguard rural economies, protect livelihoods, and strengthen the enduring partnership between the United States and the European Union.

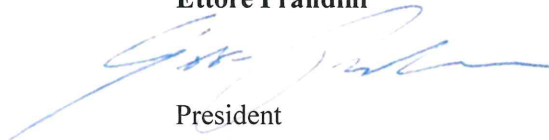
With utmost consideration,

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Enclosure: Joint Declaration of NFU and Coldiretti