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The Honorable John Boozman
Chairman
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Glenn Thompson
Chairman
Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Angie Craig
Ranking Member
Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Boozman, Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Klobuchar, and Ranking Member Craig,

On behalf of National Farmers Union (NFU), America's family farm organization, I write to urge you to work together to finalize a farm bill that works for family farmers and ranchers and our communities.

As you well know, economic pressure on family farmers and ranchers has been building for years. Farm bankruptcies jumped 46 percent in 2025 and kept climbing through 2026. Tariffs and the war with Iran drove up prices for diesel, fertilizer and feed. Emergency payments kept some farm operations afloat for another season, but family farmers know a one-time payment is not a viable long-term risk management plan. Farm bill extensions, along with a partial reauthorization of some farm bill programs, have offered little in the way of certainty and have eroded the strength of our farm and food policy.

These times demand bolder policy. We urge you to enact a farm bill this year that takes important steps forward. At minimum, it must:

- **Reinstate mandatory country-of-origin labeling** for beef and pork, so consumers know where their food comes from and American producers get credit for what they raise
- **Authorize and provide mandatory funding for local food procurement programs** to strengthen domestic markets for family farmers while helping feed our communities

- **Combat high input costs** by bringing more transparency to fertilizer markets and other crop inputs
- **Establish year-round, nationwide E15**, which would expand markets for farmers and lower costs at the pump
- **Protect and enhance the Packers and Stockyards Act** for family farmers and ranchers
- **Reverse cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** to ensure our communities are fed and to strengthen the rural economy

Congress must prioritize building a farm safety net that works for farmers. Congressional leaders continue to discuss additional much-needed emergency economic assistance amid the agriculture committees' work on a new farm bill. Farmers need a predictable, comprehensive safety net that consistently prevents market collapses and reins in skyrocketing input costs. While we support providing farmers additional financial assistance in this unprecedented time of crisis, the agriculture committees must make safety net reform a priority now and in the next Congress.

NFU stands ready to work with you. We appreciate your efforts to deliver a farm bill that meets the needs of family farmers, ranchers, and our communities.

Sincerely,



Rob Larew
President