

October 16, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230 U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-221 U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Pat Roberts  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Nutrition, & Forestry  
328A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Nutrition, & Forestry  
328A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: Support for Nomination of Dr. Scott Hutchins as USDA Under Secretary for REE**

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Roberts, and Ranking member Stabenow:

The undersigned organizations express support for the nomination of Dr. Scott Hutchins to become the next Undersecretary of Research, Education, and Economics (REE) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Dr. Hutchins is a renowned scientist and one of the foremost experts in the field of integrated pest management. His diverse experience in industry, academia, and the professional scientific community demonstrates his ability to lead this vital mission area and uniquely positions him to be aware of and responsive to the concerns of stakeholders.

Sincerely,

**Agricultural Retailers Association**  
**American Association of Mycobacterial Diseases (AAMD)**  
**American Dairy Science Association (ADSA)**  
**American Feed Industry Association**  
**American Seed Trade Association**  
**American Society for Nutrition**  
**American Society of Agronomy**  
**Aquatic Plant Management Society**  
**Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges**  
**Crop Science Society of America**  
**Entomological Society of America**  
**FASS**  
**Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research**  
**Iowa State University**  
**IR-4 Project**  
**Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals - Multistate Initiative**  
**National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)**  
**National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR)**  
**National Corn Growers Association**

**National Cotton Council**  
**National Pork Producers Council**  
**National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition**  
**Pollinator Partnership**  
**Purdue University**  
**SoAR Foundation**  
**Soil Science Society of America**  
**The Cotton Foundation**  
**US Dairy Forage Research Center Stakeholder Committee**  
**Weed Science Society of America**