October 16, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader United States Senate S-230 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 Charles Schumer Minority Leader United States Senate S-221 U.S. Capitol Washington, DC 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 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