November 2, 2026

The Honorable G.T. Thompson
Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Angie Craig
Ranking Member, House Committee on Agriculture
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Craig, Chairman Boozman, and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

As you work to complete a final Farm Bill, we respectfully urge you to include the Senate provision providing $200 million for the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) in the final farm bill agreement.

FFAR represents one of the federal government's most effective public-private partnership models. Established by Congress in the 2014 Farm Bill, FFAR was specifically designed to expand food and agricultural research by requiring private-sector investment alongside federal funding. Since its creation, FFAR has consistently exceeded that requirement, leveraging an average of approximately $1.40 in non-federal funding for every federal dollar invested, more than doubling the impact of taxpayer dollars.

This proven model delivers a strong return on investment for American agriculture. FFAR has partnered with more than 550 organizations spanning the food and agricultural value chain, including farmers, universities, commodity groups, and agribusinesses, to advance research that addresses real-world challenges facing producers. Through these partnerships, FFAR has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in collaborative research that accelerates innovation while ensuring that stakeholders have a direct role in shaping research priorities.

American farmers and ranchers face increasingly complex challenges, including emerging pests and diseases, animal health threats, water availability concerns, supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, and growing international competition. FFAR helps bring together public and private partners to develop practical solutions that improve productivity, strengthen resilience, reduce risk, and support long-term profitability. Its unique partnership model helps move promising innovations from the laboratory to the farm more quickly, ensuring research investments generate measurable benefits for producers and rural communities. These capabilities complement existing USDA research efforts while expanding opportunities for producer-driven innovation.

At a time when America's competitors are increasing investments in agricultural innovation, maintaining U.S. leadership in food and agriculture research is more important than ever. We respectfully urge you to include the $200 million investment in FFAR in the final Farm Bill and continue supporting a proven model that delivers meaningful returns for American agriculture, taxpayers, and rural communities.

Sincerely,

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American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Conservation Coalition Action
American Dairy Science Association
American Feed Industry Association
American Malting Barley Association
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Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
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Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Invasive Species Corporation
Kansas State University
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Mars, Incorporated
Michigan Farm Bureau
Michigan State University
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
Mississippi State University
Montana State University
Muslim Aid USA
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Improvement Committee
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research
National Cotton Council of America
National Grange
National Grape Research Alliance
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pork Producers Council
Noble Research Institute
North American Millers’ Association
North Carolina State University
North Central Weed Science Society
North Dakota Soybean Growers Association
North Dakota State University
Northeastern Weed Science Society
Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station
Organic Farming Research Foundation
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Pipestone - Helping Farmers
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The Organic Center
U.S. Poultry & Egg Association
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United States Cattlemen's Association
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