

March 10, 2025

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

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

Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

We write you today in support of Luke Lindberg's nomination to be the next Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs at the United States Department of Agriculture.

We look forward to Mr. Lindberg's leadership and strong advocacy on behalf of the farmers, ranchers, growers, hunters, forest owners, conservationists, cooperatives, state departments of agriculture, renewable fuel producers and agribusinesses that we represent nationwide. Mr. Lindberg has a wealth of experience in this area, having served in multiple key capacities vital to trade and agriculture.

As President and CEO of South Dakota Trade, Mr. Lindberg collaborates with local and regional agriculture groups to help South Dakota producers and agricultural partners navigate the global trade landscape. He also serves on the board of directors of the National Association of District Export Councils and holds an advisory role with the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition. Prior to that, as Chief of Staff and Chief Strategy Officer at the Export-Import Bank of the United States he managed day-to-day operations, and advanced strategic initiatives such as the program on "China and Transformational Exports" and opening new markets for American Liquefied Natural Gas.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lindberg has been a proponent of using trade to strengthen U.S. agriculture. His enthusiasm in addressing the record agriculture trade deficit we are currently facing will be welcomed by farmers and exporters across the country.

In addition to his experience leading issues related to agriculture, trade, and economics, Mr. Lindberg has a close working relationship with USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins through their time at the America First Policy Institute, and by extension with President Trump. This trust and comfort will ensure that agricultural trade is prioritized as USDA and the White House continue to craft their policy agendas.

Given the many challenges facing America's farmers and rural communities, it is critical that Congress act on Mr. Lindberg's nomination in a timely manner. U.S. agriculture needs a dedicated champion in this role to support farmers and exporters as we continue to nourish the world with the most secure, affordable and nutritious food on the globe.

As such, we urge your Committee and the entire U.S. Senate to promptly confirm Mr. Lindberg as USDA's next Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs. Thank you for your consideration, and for your dedication to serving America's agricultural community.

Sincerely,

Actus Nutrition

Advanced Sunflower LLC

Agropur, Inc.

Almond Alliance

American Cotton Shippers Association

American Farm Bureau Federation

American Feed Industry Association

American Seed Trade Association

American Sheep Industry Association

American Soybean Association

American Sugar Alliance

AmericanHort

Animal Health Institute

Associated Milk Producers Inc.

Blue Diamond Growers

California Citrus Mutual

California Dairies, Inc.

California Date Commission

California Fresh Fruit Association

California Prune Board

Cayuga Milk Ingredients

CHS Inc.

CoBank

Corn Refiners Association  
Cotton Warehouse Association of America  
Crop Insurance Professionals Association  
CropLife America  
Dairy Farmers of America  
Darigold  
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.  
Economic Development Professionals Association  
Farm Credit Council  
FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative  
Fernjo Farms  
FMI - The Food Industry Association  
Food Export-Midwest  
Food Export-Northeast  
Forest Landowners Association  
Fresh Produce Association of the Americas  
Gevo, Inc.  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Grassland Dairy Products, Inc.  
Growth Energy  
Hadrick Ranch  
Hilmar Cheese Company  
HP Hood LLC  
Idaho Dairywomen's Association, Inc.  
Idaho Milk Products  
Illinois Milk Producers Association  
Independent Bakers Association  
International Dairy Foods Association

Kansas Dairy Association  
Kansas Livestock Association  
Kansas Sorghum Producers  
Land O'Lakes, Inc.  
Leprino Foods Company  
Meat Import Council of America  
Meat Institute  
Michigan Milk Producers Association  
Midwest Dry Bean Coalition  
Milk Producers Council  
National Alliance of Forest Owners  
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Chicken Council  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Grain and Feed Association  
National Industrial Hemp Council  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Pecan Federation  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Potato Council  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Turkey Federation  
Nebraska State Dairy Association  
North American Blueberry Council

North American Grain Export Association  
North American Millers' Association  
North American Renderers Association  
Northeast Dairy Producers Association  
Northwest Horticultural Council  
Ohio Dairy Producers Association  
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association  
Organic Produce Association  
Pet Food Institute  
POET, LLC  
Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania  
Renewable Fuels Association  
Sartori Cheese  
Schuman Cheese  
SNAC International  
South Dakota Cattlemen's Association  
South Dakota Dairy Producers  
South Dakota Soybean Association  
South Dakota Soybean Processors  
South East Dairy Farmers Association  
Southeast Milk, Inc.  
Southwest Council of Agribusiness  
Sweetener Users Association  
T.C. Jacoby & Co., Inc.  
The Center for Dairy Excellence  
Tropical Foods LLC  
U.S. Apple Association  
U.S. Beet Sugar Association

U.S. Dairy Export Council  
U.S. Dry Bean Council  
U.S. Grains Council  
U.S. Livestock Genetics Export  
U.S. Meat Export Federation  
U.S. Peanut Federation  
U.S. Wheat Associates  
United Dairymen of Arizona  
University of South Dakota, Beacom School of Business  
USA Poultry and Egg Export Council  
USA Rice  
Virginia State Dairymen's Association  
Washington State Dairy Federation  
Western Iowa Dairy Alliance  
Western Peanut Growers Association