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NASDA endorses bipartisan American Food Supply Chain Resiliency Act, celebrates efforts to codify Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program

ARLINGTON, Va. – National Association of State Departments of Agriculture applauds the introduction of the bipartisan [American Food Supply Chain Resiliency Act](#) in the U.S. Senate. Introduced by Sens. Cindy Hyde-Smith, R-Miss., Adam Schiff, D-Calif., Jim Justice, R-W.Va., and Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., the legislation would strengthen America’s food supply chain by permanently authorizing USDA’s Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program and establishing a Regional Food Systems Hubs program.

NASDA worked closely with these co-sponsors to advance policies in this legislation and supports efforts to provide states, farmers, ranchers, food businesses and regional partners with the resources needed to expand middle-of-the-supply-chain capacity, improve domestic market access and increase procurement opportunities.

“Federal investments play a key role in strengthening our nation’s food systems by connecting farmers, businesses and communities with the resources they need to succeed,” said NASDA CEO Ted McKinney. “The American Food Supply Chain Resiliency Act addresses critical gaps and provides the long-term investments needed to strengthen our domestic supply chains, support farm viability and ensure there is a stronger link between our farms and our communities.”

The American Food Supply Chain Resiliency Act would:

- **Permanently authorize the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program**, providing continued USDA support for investments in aggregation, processing, storage, transportation, distribution and other middle-of-the-supply-chain infrastructure.
- **Establish the Regional Food Systems Hubs program** to provide business and technical assistance, market development support and coordination between states and services to strengthen regional food systems.

NASDA has long advocated for federal investments that strengthen regional food systems, expand market opportunities for producers and improve food supply chain resilience. NASDA supports both programs in its [federal policy priorities](#) and stands ready to continue collaboration with Congress and USDA to advance these investments and ensure states have the tools needed to build stronger, more resilient food systems.

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