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The Honorable John Boozman
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture,
Nutrition, and Forestry
United States Senate
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
United States Senate
425 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

On behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), we support the Agricultural Act of 2026 and encourage you to advance it out of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry in a bipartisan manner.

NASDA is a nonpartisan organization representing the unified voice of the commissioners, secretaries, and directors of the state departments of agriculture in all 50 states and four U.S. territories. Our members serve as co-regulators with the federal agencies and are strong advocates for American agriculture.

The Agricultural Act of 2026 provides for the much-needed modernization of key programs that support farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the country. U.S. agriculture is facing significant economic headwinds, which is compounded by the lack of a full five-year reauthorization of a Farm Bill since 2018. NASDA supported the bipartisan passage of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 in the U.S. House in April and urges the Committee to build on that progress by advancing the Agricultural Act of 2026 to a floor vote.

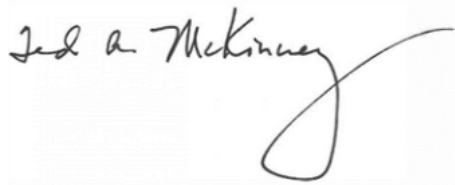
The Agricultural Act of 2026 addresses many key priorities for U.S. agriculture, including, but not limited to:

- Allowing the nationwide, year-round sale of E15 fuels (Sec. 12501)
- Bolstering our nation's agricultural research system (Secs. 7101-7515)

- Increasing support for state-led rural mental health resources (Sec. 7412)
- Reinvesting in proven trade promotion programs (Sec. 3204)
- Providing greater regulatory certainty for crop protection tools and innovative crop inputs (Secs. 10201-10211)
- Supporting foreign animal disease surveillance and response efforts (Sec. 12102)
- Providing additional domestic marketing opportunities for U.S. producers (Sec. 4306)
- Allowing for expedited approval of innovative livestock feed additives (Sec. 12607)

We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to working with members of the committee as they advance this critical piece of legislation.

Sincerely,



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CC:

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Agriculture Committee Member
 The Honorable John Hoeven, Senate Agriculture Committee Member
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 The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith, Senate Agriculture Committee Member
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The Honorable Elissa Slotkin, Senate Agriculture Committee Member