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

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
Senate Agriculture, Nutrition,
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Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

We write you today in support of Greg Ibach's nomination to be the next Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs at the United States Department of Agriculture. American farmers, ranchers, grain handlers, and exporters are facing economic headwinds and uncertainty, and it is critical that this role is filled by a strong leader who will be ready to get right to work, building new markets for American products.

Mr. Ibach has a wealth of experience that position him for success in this role, having served in multiple key capacities vital to trade and agriculture. As the former Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs during President Trump's first term, Mr. Ibach was committed to effective regulations that preserved the safety and quality of American agricultural products and expanded market opportunities for producers. He did an outstanding job breaking down sanitary and phytosanitary barriers to U.S. agricultural products, protecting American agriculture from pests and diseases, and strengthening domestic marketing programs. Mr. Ibach also holds the record as Nebraska's longest-serving Director of Agriculture, where he played a critical role in promoting trade and Nebraska agricultural exports.

A farmer himself, Mr. Ibach has a unique understanding of how USDA programs and policies impact producers at the farm gate and food processing and agriculture businesses. He has been a strong advocate for farmers throughout his entire career, working with agricultural stakeholders to advocate for policies to benefit American agriculture and food processors.

Given the many difficulties facing America's farmers and rural communities, as well as the new export opportunities the Administration's trade negotiations are poised to open, it is critical that the Senate acts on Mr. Ibach's nomination in an expeditious, bipartisan manner. U.S. agriculture needs an experienced champion in this role to support farmers,

ranchers, grain handlers, and exporters as we continue to nourish, clothe, and fuel the world.

As such, we urge your committee, and the full U.S. Senate, to promptly confirm Mr. Ibach 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. We look forward to Mr. Ibach's return to USDA.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association

Alabama Farmers Federation

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American Coalition for Ethanol

American Farm Bureau Federation

American Feed Industry Association

American Malting Barley Association

American Seed Trade Association

American Sheep Industry Association

American Soybean Association

Animal Health Institute

Arizona Farm Bureau Federation

Arkansas Soybean Association

Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Associated Equipment Distributors

BeeCAUSE

Blue Diamond Growers

California Association of Winegrape Growers

California Citrus Mutual

California Farm Bureau Federation

California Fresh Fruit Association

California Prune Board

California Table Grape Commission

California Walnut Commission

CEA Alliance

Colorado Farm Bureau

Consortium for Common Food Names

Corn Growers Association of North Carolina

Corn Refiners Association

CropLife America

Farm Credit Council

Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association of the United States

Florida Citrus Mutual

Food and Agriculture Export Alliance

Food Export -Midwest & Food Export -Northeast

Fresh Produce Association of the Americas

Georgia Corn Growers Association

Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association

Growth Energy

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation

International Dairy Foods Association

Illinois Corn Growers Association

Illinois Soybean Association

Indiana Corn Growers Association

Indiana Farm Bureau

Indiana Soybean Alliance

International Fresh Produce Association

Iowa Corn Growers Association

Iowa Soybean Association

Kansas Corn Growers Association

Kansas Farm Bureau

Kansas Soybean Association

Meat Institute

Michigan Corn Growers Association

Michigan Soybean Association

Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association

Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers

Minnesota Corn Growers Association

Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

Minnesota Soybean Growers Association

Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation

Mississippi Soybean Association

Missouri Farm Bureau

Missouri Soybean Association

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

National Association of Wheat Growers

National Barley Growers Association

National Barley Improvement Committee

National Corn Growers Association

National Cotton Council

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

National Farmers Union

National Grain and Feed Association

National Industrial Hemp Council

National Milk Producers Federation

National Oilseed Processors Association

National Pecan Federation

National Pork Producers Council (NPPC)

National Seafood Association

National Sorghum Producers

National Sunflower Association

National Turkey Federation

National Watermelon Association

Nebraska Corn Growers Association

Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation

Nebraska Soybean Association

Nebraska Wheat Growers Association

New Jersey Farm Bureau

New York Corn & Soybean Growers Association

North American Blueberry Council

North American Export Grain Association

North American Millers' Association

North American Renderers Association

North Carolina Farm Bureau

North Carolina Soybean Producers Association

North Dakota Corn Growers Association

North Dakota Soybean Growers Association

Northwest Horticultural Council

Ohio Farm Bureau

Ohio Soybean Association

Oklahoma Soybean Association

Oregon Farm Bureau

Pet Food Institute

Renewable Fuels Association

South Carolina Corn and Soybean Association

South Dakota Corn Growers Association

South Dakota Farm Bureau

South Dakota Soybean Association

South Dakota Wheat Growers Association

Southern United States Trade Association

Sweetener Users Association

Synergistic Hawai'i Agriculture Council

Tennessee Soybean Association

Texas Citrus Mutual

Texas Corn Producers Association

Texas Soybean Association

Texas Wheat Producers Association

The Fertilizer Institute

U.S. Apple Association

U.S. Canola Association

U.S. Dairy Export Council

U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council

U.S. Peanut Federation

U.S. Sweet Potato Council

United Egg Producers

United States Cattlemen's Association

United States Meat Export Federation

US Dry Bean Council

US Rice Producers Association

USA Poultry & Egg Export Council

USA Pulses

USA Rice

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation

Virginia Soybean Association

Washington Apple Commission

Washington Association of Wheat Growers

Western United States Agriculture Trade Association

Wine Institute

Wisconsin Corn Growers Association

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Wisconsin Soybean Association