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NASDA applauds Senate Agriculture Committee's favorable report of Greg Ibach nomination for USDA Under Secretary

ARLINGTON, Va. – Following the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry's vote to favorably report Greg Ibach's nomination for USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs to a full Senate, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture CEO Ted McKinney released the following statement:

"We applaud the Committee for their swift action in moving Mr. Ibach's nomination to the full Senate. His extensive experience, from championing local farmers and agriculture businesses while leading the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, to strengthening the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture in global markets while serving as USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, will be invaluable in expanding opportunities for U.S. producers and advancing science-based trade policies. We urge the Senate to quickly confirm Mr. Ibach's nomination."

NASDA submitted a letter on Nov. 9 to Senate Agriculture Committee leadership supporting Ibach's nomination.

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