

August 3, 2026

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Budget
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Budget
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Chairman Ron Johnson, and Ranking Member Merkley:

We appreciate your steadfast leadership and unwavering support of America's farmers and ranchers. As you have acknowledged, farmers are navigating an extremely challenging farm economy following historic inflation in production expenses and persistently low commodity prices. These factors have contributed to multiple years of losses for U.S. agriculture, which has made it increasingly difficult for farm families to stay afloat.

Farmers and ranchers are very appreciative of the farm safety net enhancements and tax relief achieved in H.R. 1, which will deliver much needed support to farm country this fall. Congressional actions to deliver timely assistance to U.S. agriculture has been greatly appreciated. We are also grateful for the Administration's recent efforts to provide support to farmers this year.

Due to persistent financial challenges across the agricultural economy, the President has called on Congress to deliver additional farmer assistance this year, and the House of Representatives answered the call with \$12 billion for U.S. agriculture in reconciliation. American Farm Bureau Federation supports the advancement of this Budget Resolution in the Senate, which will provide critical relief to enhance the farm safety net. We are grateful to the House for acting to deliver needed relief for agriculture, and for the Senate's consideration of this Budget Resolution. We recognize that the cumulative losses for agriculture due to sustained economic pressures far exceed \$12 billion and urge continued work to address these losses.

U.S. agriculture delivers the food, fuel, and fiber that Americans rely on every day. Farmers are leaders in their communities and serve as the backbone of America, boosting our rural economy and protecting our food supply. We greatly appreciate your continued leadership and support of

American agriculture, and we respectfully urge your support to bring relief for farmers and ranchers during this prolonged downturn in the farm economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Zippy Duvall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Zippy" is written with a large, prominent 'Z' and 'y'. The last name "Duvall" is written with a large, prominent 'D' and 'v'.

Zippy Duvall

President