

March 9, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Your leadership in advancing the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and in providing \$12 billion in emergency economic assistance has helped farmers enter 2026 on better economic footing. Yet we are still experiencing a generational decline in farm income driven by out-of-control inflation and dramatically declining crop prices. This is especially concerning when, just as America's farmers begin to put seeds in the ground for spring planting, the prices for key inputs such as fertilizers and fuel increased rapidly following the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

Like oil, global fertilizer markets are highly vulnerable to disruptions in maritime transit routes, especially through the Strait of Hormuz, a critical shipping corridor for key fertilizer materials and finished fertilizer. Further, the recent energy production halts in the Middle East will affect the price and availability of many downstream products farmers depend upon. These supply chain shocks are expected to drive already record-high input prices even higher at a time when farm margins are already extremely tight and many farmers are underwater.

Without strategically prioritizing the delivery of critical farm inputs such as urea, ammonia, nitrogen, phosphate, and sulfur-based products, the U.S. risks a shortfall in crops. Not only is this a threat to our food security – and by extension our national security – such a production shock could contribute to inflationary pressures across the U.S. economy.

Farmers nationwide respectfully urge you to use your authority to take proactive steps to safeguard fertilizer supply chains and reduce the risk of market disruptions that could threaten American agriculture.

Farm Bureau recommends the following actions be taken:

- Given the time-sensitive nature of the spring planting season, utilizing the U.S. Navy to provide and maintain safe and reliable maritime transit for fertilizer shipments through the Strait of Hormuz;
- Working collaboratively with international partners to maintain open shipping lanes to reduce the risk of delays and supply disruptions;

- Recognizing that safe passage for vessels is only meaningful if insurance coverage is provided, leverage all federal tools such as those available through the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation to address insurance or financing barriers for vessels transporting fertilizer cargo;
- Ensuring domestic port, rail, and barge capacity is available to expeditiously deliver fertilizer inputs to rural America in time for application;
- Improving domestic transportation capacity between U.S. ports through a waiver of the Jones Act;
- Adding sulfur, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, anhydrous ammonia, aqua ammonia and calcium nitrate to applicable exemption lists; and
- Using Presidential power to temporarily suspend countervailing duties on imported fertilizer products to moderate price increases.

American agriculture depends on a stable and affordable supply of fertilizer to remain productive and competitive. Acting quickly to prevent disruptions in fertilizer supply chains will help avoid additional financial strain on farmers and ensure that U.S. farmers have the supplies they need to feed families across America. We are deeply concerned that failure to act could lead to disruptions to the food supply chain not seen since 2022 when food price inflation reached 40-year highs.

Mr. President, we appreciate your attention to the challenges facing rural America and respectfully urge your Administration to consider steps to protect fertilizer supply chains during this period of heightened geopolitical uncertainty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zippy Duvall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "Z" at the beginning.

Zippy Duvall
President