

March 19, 2026

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

Dear Mr. President,

Investments made last year in enhancing farm risk management tools and in securing much-needed tax relief put U.S. farmers, ranchers, and growers on a path toward improved market opportunities on their farms and in the communities they call home.

However, before farmers could begin to sow the seeds of this year's crop, they were hit with extreme weather events, including a widespread January winter storm and cold wave that brought snow, ice and freezing temperatures across large portions of the nation, resulting in billions of dollars of losses, including major losses for fruit, vegetable, sugar and citrus crops in the Southeast, livestock operation disruptions, farm infrastructure damage and early field preparation delays. In addition, drought, high winds and historic wildfires continue across many portions of the Plains, destroying pastureland, fencing and other critical ranch infrastructure. In the West, a warm winter raises concerns for irrigation water and forage availability in the months ahead.

More recently, as planting season began in earnest across much of the U.S., the closure of the Strait of Hormuz sent fuel and fertilizer prices skyrocketing – further straining a farm economy that already had its back against the wall due to record inflation, trade uncertainty, rapidly declining crop prices and catastrophic natural disasters. Maritime freight disruptions from the ongoing conflict in Iran pose significant consequences to food security here at home and around the world.

This combination of sustained market pressures, weather-related challenges and geopolitical uncertainty poses a serious threat to the upcoming growing season and the long-term viability of U.S. agriculture. Food security is national security, and America's farmers call on you to support additional resources during this turbulent time to ensure a strong, reliable and affordable domestic food supply for communities across the country.

As the Administration considers what needs to be included in a defense supplemental package in the coming weeks, we urge you to include much-needed market relief for America's farmers. This relief should build upon recent efforts by your Administration to deliver Farmer Bridge Assistance Program payments, and should include meaningful support for all specialty crop, sugar and alfalfa growers, as well as provide relief for farmers who sold at harvest time lows due to trade uncertainty, support farmers and ranchers dealing with catastrophic weather events, and build longer-term demand stability for U.S. agriculture through year-round sales of E15 and tax

incentives to increase use of domestic agricultural products, such as the Buying American Cotton Act and the Grown in America Act. Additionally, Administration actions, such as finalizing strong Renewable Volume Obligations in the Renewable Fuel Standard and supporting value-added opportunities for farmers in the 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit, will also help support longer-term demand stability for U.S. agriculture.

We appreciate your longstanding commitment to rural America. Now is the time to ensure that American agriculture can weather this period of extraordinary strain. Without timely assistance, continued losses risk accelerating farm closures, reducing domestic production capacity and weakening the ability of farmers and ranchers across this great nation to provide food, clothes and fuel for the American people.

Sincerely,

Almond Alliance  
American Cotton Producers  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Grown Flowers  
American Pistachio Growers  
American Soybean Association  
American Sugar Alliance  
American Sugar Cane League  
American Sugarbeet Growers Association  
AmericanHort  
California Avocado Commission  
Cotton Warehouse Association of America  
Cranberry Institute  
Crop Insurance Professionals Association  
Farm Credit Council  
Florida Citrus Mutual  
Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association  
Florida Sugar Cane League  
Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association  
International Fresh Produce Association  
National Association of Landscape Professionals  
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Barley Growers Association  
National Christmas Tree Association  
National Citrus Nursery Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Farmers Union  
National Onion Association  
National Pecan Federation

National Potato Council  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Sunflower Association  
National Watermelon Association  
North American Blueberry Council  
Northarvest Bean Growers Association  
Northwest Horticultural Council  
Society of American Florists  
Southwest Council of Agribusiness  
Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance  
Texas Citrus Mutual  
U.S. Apple Association  
U.S. Beet Sugar Association  
U.S. Canola Association  
U.S. Peanut Federation  
US Rice Producers Association  
US Turfgrass Producers  
USA Pulses  
USA Rice  
Washington Winegrowers Association  
Western Growers Association  
Western Peanut Growers Association

CC: The Honorable John Thune, Senate Majority Leader  
The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Senate Minority Leader  
The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader