

March 5, 2024

The Honorable
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515


Dear Member of Congress:

The American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest general farm organization with nearly 6 million member families in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, supports passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, which includes the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Interior and Environment appropriations bills. Furthermore, we urge Congress to find a bipartisan path forward on all remaining fiscal year 2024 government funding legislation to pave the way for consideration of other important legislation, including a new, modernized farm bill, without additional delay.

America's farmers and ranchers need certainty, and Congress must ensure they have access to strong farm programs as they face inflationary pressures, weather disasters and high supply costs. It is critically important we have a long-term, bipartisan farm bill in place as soon as possible. The farm bill ensures our nation's food supply remains secure, provides access to nutrition for families facing hunger, makes conservation programs available, promotes trade development, and supports investment in agricultural research. The farm bill has a long history of bipartisan support and is extremely crucial in providing certainty for America's farmers and ranchers, who work hard every day to provide the safest, most affordable food supply in the world.

We appreciate your commitment to farmers and ranchers across the country and your efforts to move the appropriations process forward.

Sincerely,



Zippy Duvall,
President