

December 18, 2024

Dear Member of Congress:

I write today on behalf of the nearly six million member families of the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), the country's largest general farm organization, to urge you to vote for the Continuing Resolution (CR). The legislation addresses the needs of farmers all across the country for relief from low commodity prices and high supply costs, while also helping farmers and ranchers who were severely impacted by natural disasters in 2023 and 2024.

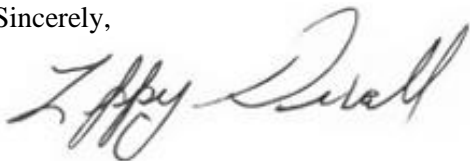
In the absence of an updated farm bill that works to help farmers manage risk, the supplemental assistance provided by this CR will help bridge the gap until Congress can act to pass a new five-year farm bill. The CR includes assistance to farmers of several commodities that have been impacted by high input costs, including seed, fertilizer, crop protection products, and high interest rates, among other things. Without this needed aid, many farmers, especially our next generation of farmers, must decide whether to decrease acres for the next growing season because they cannot secure financing, or to give up on planting a crop at all.

Additionally, farmers and ranchers who have experienced catastrophic damages and losses from natural disasters in 2023 and 2024, many of whom are poultry growers and specialty crop, timber, and livestock producers will benefit from the assistance the CR provides.

Finally, year-round E-15 sales will be permitted if the CR passes, which will help reduce our dependence on foreign oil and give certainty to consumers that affordable and clean E-15 will be an option in every month of the year.

Congress must pass this CR to deliver assistance to America's farmers and ranchers at a time when they need it most. We are respectfully asking you to vote YEA on this CR to provide that assistance and pave the way for a new five-year farm bill that will have enhanced commodity and risk management programs to help farmers mitigate their risk in the future.

Sincerely,



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President