June 21, 2018

The Honorable Pat Roberts
Chairman
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
328-A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
328-A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow,

The undersigned organizations represent millions of farmers and ranchers, food companies, sportsmen and women, fish and wildlife professionals, conservationists, landowners, and business leaders. We write to you today in support of the Conservation Title of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 as reported by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

The conservation programs authorized by the Farm Bill are proven and reliable tools for farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners, and we commend your hard work in putting forth a bill that recognizes the importance of voluntary, incentive-based conservation on private lands. At a time when agriculture continues to face challenges due to low prices and increased instability across global markets, we must ensure that agricultural producers and private landowners continue to have access to these popular programs.

We applaud your commitment to upholding the Senate Agriculture Committee’s long history of bipartisanship and look forward to continuing our work with you and other members of the U.S. Senate to pass an on time Farm Bill.

Sincerely,

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American Association of Crop Insurers
American Bird Conservancy
American Farmland Trust
American Forest Foundation
American Seed Trade Association
American Woodcock Society
Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
Camp Fire Club of America
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation
Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports
Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau
Danone North America
Delta Waterfowl
Ducks Unlimited
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Law & Policy Center

Environmental Working Group
Izaak Walton League of America
Kellogg Company
Land Trust Alliance
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Audubon Society
National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative
National Deer Alliance
National Farmers Union
National Milk Producers Federation
National Parks Conservation Association
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
National Wild Turkey Federation
National Wildlife Federation
National Young Farmers Coalition
North American Grouse Partnership
Pheasants Forever
Quail Forever
Quality Deer Management Association
Ruffed Grouse Society
Rural & Agriculture Council of America
Society for Range Management
Soil and Water Conservation Society
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Trout Unlimited
Unilever
US Cattlemen's Association
Western Landowners Alliance
Wildlife Management Institute
World Wildlife Fund