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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
511 Dirksen
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-154, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Jeffries, Majority Leader Thune, and Minority Leader Schumer:

The National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (NCFC), which represents America's 1,600 farmer owned cooperatives across the nation calls on Congress to finish the farm bill. Farmer cooperatives, the farmers and ranchers who own them, and the rural communities they sustain need the certainty that only a five-year farm bill can provide.

Farmer cooperatives are owned and governed by the farmers and ranchers they serve. They market their members' crops and livestock, supply the inputs and credit needed to run a farm, and invest in the processing that adds value, which in turn is returned to the farmer. Numerous provisions from the 2018 farm bill need to be updated and reauthorized, forcing cooperative and their members to make business decisions clouded by uncertainty.

The House and Senate Agriculture Committees have built the momentum to deliver a final bipartisan farm bill. The House passed the bipartisan *Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026*, the first farm bill to clear the full House since 2018, and the Senate Agriculture Committee has advanced the *Agricultural Act of 2026*. Once the remaining differences are resolved, we ask you to prioritize finishing the farm bill before the 119th Congress adjourns.

NCFC and our farmer-owned cooperative members stand ready to help Congress finish the farm bill.

Sincerely,

Duane Simpson
President and CEO
NCFC

cc: The Honorable Glenn "GT" Thompson, Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture
The Honorable Angie Craig, Ranking Member, House Committee on Agriculture
The Honorable John Boozman, Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
The Honorable Amy Klobuchar, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry