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The Honorable John Boozman
Chair
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Chairman Boozman, Ranking Member Klobuchar, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,

American farmers are facing one of the most challenging economic environments in decades. Input costs remain high, farm income has declined, and too many family farms are struggling to stay in business. At the same time, American families continue to face high grocery prices, making food increasingly less affordable.

Congress should not make this problem worse by maintaining unreasonable regulations that increase costs without meaningful benefits. One example is the EPA's one-size-fits-all emissions requirements, which have increased large farm equipment costs, caused damaging delays, created fire hazards, and ultimately raised food prices. My amendment would exempt large farm tractors, combines, and sprayers from these burdensome regulations, making farm machinery more affordable, protecting small family farms from bankruptcy and consolidation, and lowering costs for consumers.

This is also a matter of **national security**. America must maintain a strong domestic food supply, preserve independent family farms, and ensure a reliable agricultural production base. Ironically, these emission requirements **do not** apply to American-made tractors and combines exported to countries such as Brazil. Congress has also exempted military equipment from these regulations because of national security concerns. Food security is no less a national security issue than military readiness.

This commonsense amendment has earned the endorsement of the **Indiana Farm Bureau** and the **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**, reflecting broad support from those who understand the challenges facing American farmers and rural communities.

The House passed this provision on a **bipartisan basis**, recognizing that reducing unnecessary input costs is one of the most effective ways Congress can help farmers. I am disappointed that the Senate did not include this provision in its Farm Bill proposal. Notably, this is the **only provision in the Farm Bill specifically designed to reduce farmers' input costs**.

I urge the Senate to stand with American farmers and consumers—not large special-interest groups—and include this commonsense affordability amendment in the final Farm Bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Spartz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" and last name "Spartz" clearly legible.

Victoria Spartz
Member of Congress

CC: The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House
The Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
The Honorable Michael Bennet
The Honorable John Hoeven
The Honorable Tina Smith
The Honorable Joni Ernst
The Honorable Richard Durbin
The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
The Honorable Cory Booker
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