

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 6, 2024

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

Speaker Johnson,

We are writing to request that H.R. 10045, the Farmer Assistance and Revenue Mitigation Act of 2024 (FARM Act), be considered for inclusion in an upcoming emergency package. Farmers across the country are facing severe financial challenges that could affect their operations and the stability of entire rural communities.

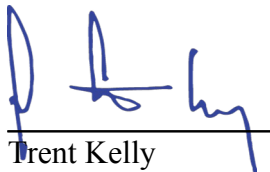
Agriculture remains a key part of our economy, but many farmers are struggling with rising costs and falling crop prices. Current farm safety net programs have not kept up with today's production costs, leaving farmers with inadequate support during this difficult time. USDA projects that farmers will experience one of the steepest drops in net income in history, while federal assistance is expected to reach its lowest level in decades. Without action, many family farms may face financial hardship or closure.

The FARM Act is a bi-partisan solution, with support from members from various regions across the country, designed to address this urgent need. It provides direct assistance to farmers whose expected 2024 crop revenue will fall below their costs, helping them manage debt and secure financing for the 2025 planting season. This support would go to farmers growing key crops like corn, cotton, soybeans, wheat, rice, and others. The payment structure is calculated based on per-acre production costs and projected crop revenue, with reasonable limitations to ensure aid reaches those who need it most.

This bill is backed by leading organizations such as the American Farm Bureau Federation, Independent Community Bankers of America, American Soybean Association, National Association of Wheat Growers, National Barley Growers Association, National Cotton Council, National Corn Growers Association, National Sorghum Producers, National Sunflower Association, U.S. Canola Association, U.S. Peanut Federation, USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council, USA Rice, and Western Peanut Growers Association. The FARM Act offers assistance for farmers growing a wide range of crops, including barley, corn, cotton, soybeans, wheat, and many others. We recognize the FARM Act as a vital step to protect our agricultural communities and prevent further financial distress in rural areas.

The inclusion of the FARM Act will offer timely assistance, helping farmers survive these difficult times and continue their vital work. We appreciate your consideration of this request to help sustain American agriculture and the communities it supports.

Sincerely,



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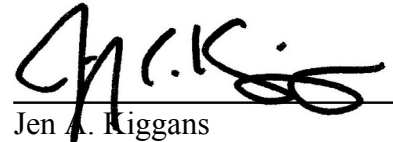
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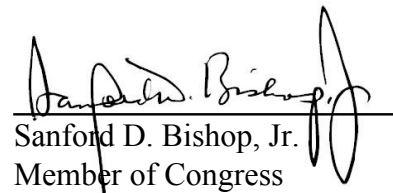
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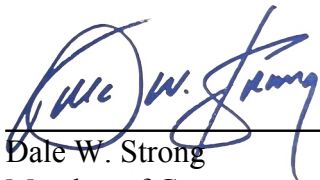
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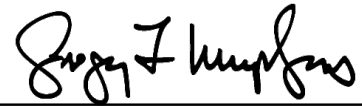
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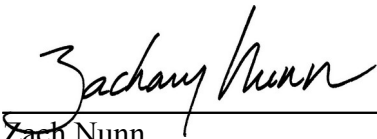
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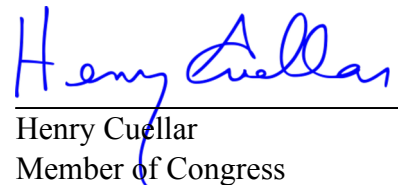
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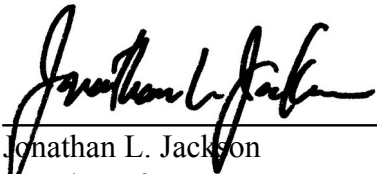
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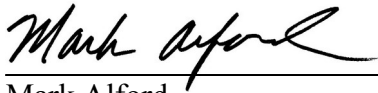
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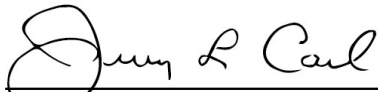
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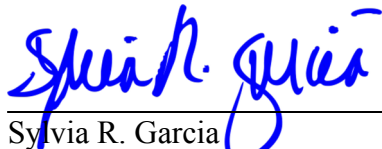
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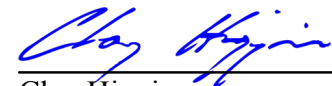
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