Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Chair Thompson, Ranking Member Scott, Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Chair Stabenow, and Ranking Member Boozman:

The undersigned organizations and companies represent a diverse array of farm bill stakeholders encompassing agriculture, nutrition, conservation, environmental, rural development and many other sectors. We write to express our gratitude for your efforts to advance the 2024 farm bill within your jurisdictions and to seek your continued support for passing this critical legislation before the end of the year.

Millions of Americans rely daily on the provisions of the farm bill to produce food, fiber and fuel; to feed their families and others around the world; to voluntarily conserve fish and wildlife and their habitat; to provide sustainable solutions for clean air and water; to provide a producer safety net; to facilitate international trade; to create local jobs and robust economies; and to support rural development nationwide.

If Congress does not come together this year to enact a bipartisan farm bill, the legislative process will begin anew in the 119th Congress. Given the significant legislative, and possibly administrative, duties of a new Congress including the seating of new leadership and committees, Senate nominations, and other essential actions during the first months of the 119th Congress, we have concerns that it may not be logistically or politically feasible to advance a new farm bill early in the next Congress. As committed stakeholders and beneficiaries of the farm bill, we cannot continue to wait for updated policies, provisions, initiatives and critical funding that support our collective interests.

Therefore, we respectfully and strongly urge you to craft a bipartisan farm bill that can pass your respective chambers and be conferenced and enacted in this Congress. We have full confidence that under your leadership and with a bipartisan commitment to the American people, you will enact a 2024 farm bill that continues the exemplary track record of innovative and modernized farm and food policy to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to working with you to bring a bipartisan 2024 farm bill to fruition.