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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,

AGree 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

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- 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