

February 7, 2017

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We, the undersigned, representing the production agricultural value chain, including many agricultural producers and farm input developers and suppliers, look forward to working with you and your Administration on matters of importance to American agriculture.

The challenges we face in agriculture are significant. Many experts emphasize that producers must grow as much food in the next 50 years as was produced over all previous history to meet the demands of our expanding global population. A firm commitment by the U.S. government to aggressively support agricultural innovation and science-based regulatory decisions will be necessary to ensure farmers have the tools they need to produce a safe and abundant supply of nutritious food, in addition to feed, fuel and fiber, in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner.

The policy and regulatory environment your Administration establishes can ensure that agricultural innovation flourishes and American farmers are able to meet the food production goals necessary to feed billions more people. We are ready to provide the White House and the Executive Branch Departments and Agencies, as well as Congress, with policy concepts that foster stability in the U.S. agriculture economy with a strong and predictable farm safety net and promotes American competitiveness through research; marketability and trade of agricultural commodities; rural economic growth; and plant, animal, and environmental health, among many other things.

We appreciate your attention to these and other issues of value to American production agriculture and food consumers everywhere.

Sincerely,

American Farm Bureau
American Seed Trade Association
American Soybean Association
Biotechnology Innovation Organization
CropLife America
The Fertilizer Institute
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Cattlemen's Beef Association

National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pork Producers Council
United Fresh Produce Association
USA Rice Federation