

January 15, 2025

The Honorable John Boozman  
Chair, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
Forestry Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
Ranking Member, Senate Agriculture,  
Nutrition, and Forestry Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

We write in support of Brooke Leslie Rollins' nomination to be the 33<sup>rd</sup> Secretary of Agriculture. We represent farmers, ranchers, growers, hunters, forest owners, conservationists, cooperatives, state departments of agriculture, renewable fuel producers and agribusinesses nationwide —encompassing all aspects of American agriculture, food, nutrition and rural America — and we look forward to Ms. Rollins' strong leadership at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Ms. Rollins has been engaged in American agriculture since an early age, baling hay and raising livestock in Glen Rose, Texas. Rollins spent summers working on her family's farm in Minnesota and participated in all levels of 4-H and FFA. She continues to raise livestock today and is now passing her passion for agriculture on to her children, who are also involved in FFA and showing steers. Rollins' strong foundational knowledge of agriculture also extends to her formal education, attending Texas A&M, where she received her Bachelor of Science in agricultural development on scholarship.

Throughout her career, she has brought the perspectives of the American farmer and rancher to her work. She served as deputy general counsel and policy director for former Texas Governor Rick Perry, where together they advanced many agricultural priorities. She also championed rural priorities across the federal government as President Trump's former Director of the United States Domestic Policy Council.

In addition, her experience as an executive, building and running two large public policy organizations, has prepared her to provide effective executive leadership for USDA's important, wide-ranging activities and large workforce. Her close working relationship with incoming President Trump will ensure that agriculture and rural America have a prominent and influential voice at the table when critical decisions are made in the White House.

It is important for Congress to act on Agriculture Secretary-designate Rollins' nomination in light of the many difficulties facing America's farmers and rural America. We need her leadership now at USDA to advocate for a new farm bill, stabilize an agricultural economy in decline, support the full food and agriculture and forestry value chain, and continue American agriculture's long history of providing the most secure, affordable and nutritious food supply in the world. USDA has the power to help turn things around with strong leadership. We look forward to Agriculture Secretary-designate Rollins bringing her unique experience and capabilities to tackle the challenges facing agriculture and rural America once confirmed.

As such, we urge your Committee and the entire U.S. Senate to promptly confirm Ms. Rollins as the next Secretary of Agriculture. Thank you for your consideration, and for your dedication to our nation's agricultural community.

Sincerely,

Agriculture Retailers Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Seed Trade Association  
American Soybean Association  
American Sugarbeet Growers Association  
CropLife America  
Farm Credit Council  
International Fresh Produce Association  
Meat Institute  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Farmers Union  
National Grain and Feed Association  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Sorghum Producers  
The Fertilizer Institute  
USA Rice  
21st Century Equipment, LLC  
Adam Farms LTD  
Adams Land & Cattle  
Agribusiness Association of Iowa  
Agribusiness Council of Indiana  
Agricultural Council of Arkansas  
Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas  
Alabama Agribusiness Council  
Alabama Farmers Federation  
Almond Alliance  
American Association of Crop Insurers  
American Beekeeping Federation  
American Forest Foundation (AFF)

American Frozen Food Institute  
American Fruit & Vegetable Coalition  
American Livestock Markets and Dealers Association  
American Meat Science Association  
American Pistachio Growers  
American Pulse Association  
American Sheep Industry Association  
American Sugar Alliance  
American Sugar Cane League  
American Wood Council  
Animal Health Institute  
Applewood Seed Co.  
Archery Trade Association  
Arizona Dairy Producers Trade Association  
Arkansas Farm Bureau  
Arkansas Rice  
Arkansas Soybean Association  
Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI)  
Associated Oregon Hazelnut Industries  
Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)  
Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Bayer  
Brownsville Irrigation District  
California Ag Irrigation Association  
California Alfalfa and Forage Association  
California Association of Wheat Growers  
California Association of Winegrape Growers  
California Bean Shippers Association  
California Cherry Growers and Industry Association  
California Citrus Mutual  
California Dairies, Inc.  
California Date Commission  
California Farm Bureau  
California Grain and Feed Association  
California Pacific Seed Association  
California Pear Growers  
California Pork Producers Association  
California Poultry Federation  
California Prune Board  
California Rice Commission  
California Seed Association  
California State Floral Association  
California Sweetpotato Council

California Warehouse Association  
California Wool Growers Association  
Cayuga Milk Ingredients  
CEA Alliance  
Central Valley Ag Cooperative  
ClearPath Action  
Colorado Dairy Farmers  
Colorado Farm Bureau  
Colorado Pork Producers Council  
Colorado Potato Administrative Committee  
Colorado Wool Growers Association  
Connealy Angus  
Connecticut Farm Bureau Association  
Cooperative Milk Producers Association  
Corn Refiners Association  
Corteva Agriscience  
Cotton Warehouse Association of America  
Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology  
Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau  
Crop Insurance Professionals Association  
Dairy Farmers of America  
Dairy Producers of New Mexico  
Dairy Producers of Utah  
Dallas Safari Club  
Danielski Farms  
Delaware Farm Bureau  
Delta Waterfowl  
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.  
DNA Genetics  
Ducks Unlimited  
Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative  
Empire State Forest Products Association  
emPower Rural America  
Equine Sports Council  
Farm Journal Foundation  
FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative  
First District Association  
Florida Citrus Mutual  
Florida Farm Bureau Federation  
Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association  
Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association  
Florida Rice Growers

Florida Strawberry Growers Association  
Florida Sugar Cane League  
FMI - The Food Industry Association  
Foremost Farms USA  
Forest Landowners Association  
Forest Resources Association  
Fresh Produce Association of the Americas  
Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Georgia Farm Bureau Federation  
Georgia Milk Producers, Inc.  
Georgia/Florida Soybean Association  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
GO Seed  
Gowan SeedTech LLC  
Grain and Feed Association of Illinois  
Gro Alliance  
GROWMARK, Inc.  
Growth Energy  
Hawaii Farm Bureau  
Houston Safari Club  
Idaho Dairymen's Association, Inc.  
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation  
Idaho Grain Producers Association  
Idaho Potato Commission  
Idaho Wool Growers Association  
IL Corn Growers Association  
Illinois Farm Bureau  
Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association  
Illinois Milk Producers Association  
Illinois Pork Producers Association  
Illinois Seed Trade Association, Inc.  
Illinois Soybean Association  
Imperial Beef LLC  
Inari  
Independent Bakers Association  
Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas  
Indiana Corn Growers Association  
Indiana Ethanol Producers Association  
Indiana Farm Bureau  
Indiana Sheep Association  
Indiana Soybean Alliance  
International Dairy Foods Association  
International Wood Products Association

Iowa Farm Bureau  
Iowa Pork Producers Association  
Iowa Soybean Association  
Iowa State Dairy Association  
JE Meuret Grain Co. Inc.  
JSMM Farms  
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association  
Kansas Dairy Association  
Kansas Farm Bureau  
Kansas Grain and Feed Association  
Kansas Livestock Association  
Kansas Sorghum Producers  
Kansas Soybean Association  
Kentucky Dairy Development Council  
Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation  
Land O'Lakes, Inc.  
Latham Hi-Tech Seeds  
Livestock Marketing Association  
Livestock Marketing Association of Texas  
Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association  
Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation  
Louisiana Forestry Association  
Louisiana Independent Rice Producers Association  
Louisiana Rice Producer Group  
Maine Potato Board  
Maine Sheep Breeders Association  
Maola Local Dairies  
Maryland Farm Bureau  
Maryland Sheep Breeders Association  
Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation  
Massachusetts Forest Alliance  
MayerSeedline, LLC  
Michigan Agri-Business Association  
Michigan Bean Shippers  
Michigan Corn Growers Association  
Michigan Farm Bureau  
Michigan Milk Producers Association  
Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association  
Michigan Pork Producers Association  
Michigan Sheep Producers Association  
Michigan Soybean Association  
Mid Atlantic Soybean Association

Midwest Council on Agriculture  
Midwest Dairy Coalition  
Midwest Dry Bean Coalition  
Midwest Food Products Association  
Milk Producers Council  
Minnesota AgriGrowth  
Minnesota Corn Growers Association  
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
Minnesota Lamb & Wool Producers Association  
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association  
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation  
Mississippi Land Bank, ACA  
Mississippi Rice Council  
Mississippi River Trust  
Mississippi Soybean Association  
Missouri Corn Growers Association  
Missouri Farm Bureau  
Missouri Pork Association  
Missouri Rice Council  
Missouri Soybean Association  
Montana Agricultural Business Association  
Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
Montana Grain Growers Association  
Montana Wool Growers Association  
Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative Association  
National All-Jersey  
National Association of FSA County Office Employees  
National Barley Growers Association  
National Bobwhite & Grassland Initiative Foundation  
National Chicken Council  
National Cotton Ginners Association  
National Farmers Union  
National Fisheries Institute  
National Grocers Association  
National Lamb Feeders Association  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Peach Council  
National Pecan Federation  
National Pest Management Association (NPMA)  
National Potato Council  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
National Seasoning Manufacturers Association  
National Sunflower Association

National Thoroughbred Racing Association  
National Turkey Federation  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
NC Agribusiness Council  
NCA - The National Confectioners Association  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Nebraska Pork Producers Association  
Nebraska Soybean Association  
Nebraska State Dairy Association  
Nevada Farm Bureau Federation  
New Jersey Farm Bureau  
New York Corn & Soybean Growers Association  
New York Farm Bureau  
North American Blueberry Council  
North American Coalition for Insect Agriculture  
North American Export Grain Association  
North American Falconers Association  
North American Grouse Partnership  
North American Millers' Association  
North American Renderers Association  
North Carolina Farm Bureau  
North Carolina Potato Association  
North Dakota Corn Growers Association  
North Dakota Grain Growers Association  
North Dakota Soybean Growers Association  
Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance  
Northeast Dairy Producers Association  
Northland Potato Growers Association  
Northwest Dairy Association  
Northwest Horticultural Council  
Nutrien  
NYS Agribusiness Association  
NYS Maple Producers' Association  
Ohio AgriBusiness Association  
Ohio Dairy Producers Association  
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation  
Ohio Pest Management Association  
Ohio Pork Council  
Ohio Sheep Improvement Association  
Ohio Soybean Association  
Oklahoma Farm Bureau  
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association



Oregon Farm Bureau  
Oregon Feed & Grain Association  
Oregon Hop Growers Association  
Oregon Pork Producers Association  
Oregon Seed Council  
Oregon Women for Agriculture  
Pacific Egg and Poultry Association  
Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association  
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association  
Pheasants Forever  
Pillen Family Farms  
Pivot Bio  
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.  
Plant Based Products Council  
Potato Growers of Michigan, Inc  
Prairie Farms Dairy  
Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania  
Quail Forever  
Red Angus Association of America  
Renew Kansas Biofuels Association  
Renewable Fuels Association  
Renewable Fuels Nebraska  
Rhode Island Farm Bureau Federation  
Rocky Mountain Agribusiness Association  
Rural Investment to Protect our Environment (RIPE)  
Safari Club International  
Sharp and Sharp Certified Seed  
SNAC International  
Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Society of American Florists  
South Carolina Corn and Soybean Association  
South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation  
South Carolina Sheep Industry Association  
South Dakota Ethanol  
South Dakota Pork Producers Council  
South Dakota Sheep Growers Association  
South Dakota Soybean Association  
South East Dairy Farmers Association  
South Texas Cotton & Grain Association  
Southeast Milk, Inc.  
Southeastern Food Processors Association  
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association

Southern Crop Production Association  
Southern Seed Association  
Southwest Council of Agribusiness  
Southwest Meat Association  
Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance  
Summit Seed Coatings  
Sweetener Users Association  
Tennessee Dairy Producers Association  
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation  
Tennessee Feed & Grain Assn  
Tennessee Pork Producers Assn  
Tennessee Sheep Producers Association  
Tennessee Soybean Association  
Texas Ag Industries Association  
Texas Agricultural Aviation Association  
Texas Association of Dairymen  
Texas Cattle Feeders Association  
Texas Citrus Mutual  
Texas Corn Producers Association  
Texas Cotton Ginners' Association  
Texas Farm Bureau  
Texas FFA Association  
Texas Forestry Association  
Texas Grain and Feed Association  
Texas Grain Sorghum Association  
Texas Hemp Coalition  
Texas Independent Ginners Association  
Texas International Produce Association  
Texas Irrigation Council  
Texas Irrigation Panel  
Texas Pecan Growers Association  
Texas Pork Producers Association  
Texas Poultry Federation  
Texas Rice Council  
Texas Rice Producers Legislative Group  
Texas Seed Trade Association  
Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association  
Texas Soybean Association  
Texas Vegetable Association  
Texas Vegetation Management Association  
Texas Watermelon Association

Texas Wheat Producers Association  
The Center for Dairy Excellence  
The Conservation Fund  
The Meat Sheep Alliance of Florida  
The Poultry Federation  
The Texas Cotton Association  
The Utah Wool Growers Association  
Thomas Family Farms, Inc.  
Thomas Livestock Co Inc  
Tillamook County Creamery Association  
TN Feed & Grain Association  
U.S. Apple Association  
U.S. Beet Sugar Association  
U.S. Canola Association  
U.S. Custom Harvesters, Inc.  
U.S. Hemp Roundtable  
U.S. Pea and Lentil Trade Association  
U.S. Peanut Federation  
United Dairy Farmers of Florida  
United Dairymen of Arizona  
United Egg Association  
United Egg Producers  
Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc.  
US Conference on Irrigation and Drainage  
US Dairy Export Council  
US Dry Bean Council  
US Rice Producers Association  
US Sweet Potato Council  
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council  
USA Poultry & Egg Export Council  
Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance  
Virginia Farm Bureau  
Virginia State Dairymen's Association  
Walnut Council  
Washington Apple Commission  
Washington State Dairy Federation  
Washington State Fruit Commission  
Washington State Potato Commission  
Washington State Tree Fruit Association  
Western Peanut Growers Association  
Western Pulse Growers Association  
Western States Dairy Producers Association  
Weyerhaeuser

Wildlife Mississippi  
Wisconsin Agri-Business Association  
Wisconsin Farm Bureau  
Wisconsin Pork Association  
Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association  
Wisconsin Soybean Association  
Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation  
Wyoming Pork Producers  
Wyoming Wool Growers Association

cc: Honorable John Thune  
Honorable Charles E. Schumer