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Members of the US House of Representatives Louisiana Delegation,

Louisiana's largest and longest standing agricultural organizations representing thousands of farmers, foresters and ranchers across our great state and from every one of our six House of Representatives Districts strongly support the improvements to the farm safety net contained in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 that were approved May 24, 2024 by the US House Committee on Agriculture. Louisiana's farmers, foresters, and ranchers have come together to urge our champions to build on the ag committee's action by expediting consideration and passage of a bipartisan farm bill by the US House of Representatives.

Through robust work by Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Scott, and their staffs, the House Ag Committee bill contains provisions that will be good for Louisiana's farmers, foresters and ranchers and would provide the stability that would ensure Louisiana's farmers could secure crop loans and keep farming year after year. We urge our delegation to lead Congress in an effort to come together and pass the Farm Bill in a timely fashion.

Another Farm Bill extension would create uncertainty that affects the availability of credit to sustain farming operations well beyond the current season, and the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 includes a host of Louisiana priorities that improve the farm safety net and provides the certainty farmers, and their lending institutions, need when financing agricultural operations. As we have shared with you across our different organizations visits to Washington, and from your interactions back home on our farms, input costs are constantly rising making farming and ranching an increasingly risky endeavor each year. We need an updated Farm Bill in place that meets those challenges. We believe we have found such a bill through this mark that was voted favorably by the House Committee on Agriculture.

Farm Bills of the past have always been a great common ground for members to put political differences aside and do what is best for national security, American families' food security, and investment into one of country's pillars of economic prosperity. We are hopeful that 2024 is no

different. As producers of commodities ranging from sugarcane to soybeans, livestock to crawfish, rice to poultry, forestry and all others in between, our organizations are unifying our voices to encourage you to do the same; to come together in the name of agriculture to pass this Farm Bill in 2024.

Louisiana agriculture appreciates you all, the leadership you provide not only our state, but our country. We humbly request that each of you use your respective seats of influence and your vote to pass the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024.

Sincerely,

Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation
American Sugar Cane League
Louisiana Cattlemen's Association
Louisiana Cotton & Grain Association
Louisiana Forestry Association
Louisiana Rice Producers Group