

May 04, 2018

The Honorable Pat Roberts  
Chair  
Senate Agriculture Committee  
328-A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Ranking Member  
Senate Agriculture Committee  
328-A Russell Senate Office Building  
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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. As the process for reauthorizing the Farm Bill moves forward in the Senate, we write to support full baseline funding for the Conservation Title in the next Farm Bill.

Budgetary savings found through bipartisan reforms that enhance program delivery should be reinvested within Title II. Over the years, conservation programs have become important, reliable tools for farmers and ranchers as they strive to make good management decisions on their land and water. Evidence of their broad popularity is demonstrated by the fact that unmet demand for these programs is at an all-time high. At a time when farmers are struggling due to falling crop prices and increased instability across global markets, we urge Congress to preserve Title II funding in the next Farm Bill reauthorization.

We thank you for the opportunity to express our support, and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure Title II funding reflects the demand, popularity, and necessity of Farm Bill conservation programs.

Sincerely,

Alliance for the Great Lakes  
American Bird Conservancy  
American Chestnut Foundation  
American Farmland Trust  
American Fly Fishing Trade Association  
American Forest Foundation  
American Forests  
American Rivers  
American Water Works Association  
American Woodcock Society  
Archery Trade Association  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
Audubon Naturalist Society  
Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.)  
Bear Trust International  
Blue Heron Environmental Network Inc.

Buffalo Audubon Society  
California Waterfowl Association  
CarbonVerde  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage  
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation  
The Conservation Fund  
Danone North America  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Delta Waterfowl  
Ducks Unlimited  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Federal Forest Resource Coalition  
Friends of Schlitz Audubon Nature Center  
Friends of the Naticoke River  
Gulf Coast Land Trust

Healing Our Waters Coalition  
Heart of the Lakes  
Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited  
Izaak Walton League of America  
The Land Improvement Contractors of America  
Lancaster Farmland Trust  
Land Trust Alliance  
The Lyme Timber Company  
Mars Incorporated  
The Michigan Wildlife Conservancy  
Milwaukee Riverkeeper  
Mississippi River Trust  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
National Association of Forest Owners  
National Association of Forest Service Retirees  
National Audubon Society  
National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative  
National Deer Alliance  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
National Wildlife Federation  
National Wildlife Refuge Association  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
National Young Farmers Coalition  
Nature Abounds  
The Nature Conservancy  
Nestlé USA  
North American Grouse Partnership  
Ohio Forestry Association  
Onondaga Audubon  
Pennsylvania Council of Churches  
Pheasants Forever  
Pollinator Partnership  
Pope & Young Club  
Professional Outfitters and Guides of America  
Quail Forever  
Quality Deer Management Association  
Rayonier  
Redington  
RIO Products  
Rock Creek Conservancy  
Ruffed Grouse Society  
Sage Manufacturing  
Savage River Watershed Association  
Shenandoah Riverkeeper  
SITKA Gear  
Snook and Gamefish Foundation  
Society for Range Management  
Soil and Water Conservation Society  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Trout Unlimited  
The Trust for Public Land  
Unilever  
Virginia Conservation Network  
Virginia Forestry Association  
Vista Outdoors  
Water Environment Federation  
Watershed Research and Training Center  
Western Landowners Alliance  
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy  
Western Pocono Trout Unlimited  
Western Reserve Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America  
The Westervelt Company  
West Virginia Highlands Conservancy  
West Virginia Rivers Coalition  
Whitetails Unlimited  
Wildlife Mississippi  
Wild Salmon Center  
Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society  
World Wildlife Fund  
The Wildlife Society

CC: Members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry