

July 13, 2012

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
232 U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
204 U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi:

The 2012 Farm Bill is among the most important pieces of legislation Congress will consider this year. The Senate and the House Agriculture Committee have completed their jobs and delivered new, comprehensive bills. Recognizing that time is short before the Sept. 30 expiration of the current farm bill, we urge you to schedule time for floor consideration of the bill as quickly as possible.

While representing a wide range of interests, we are united in our view that the bill should receive floor time and be finalized this year, on schedule. We reject calls for delay and believe that extension of the current bill does not adequately address the needs of farmers, ranchers, foresters, those in need of food assistance at home and abroad, conservation, rural communities, or food and agricultural research.

We ask you to act now to ensure that a new, comprehensive farm bill is passed this year.

Sincerely,

AgriBank
AgStar FCS
AgStar Financial Services
American Association of Crop Insurers
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Farmland Trust
American Feed Industry Association
American Phytopathological Society
American Public Works Association
American Society of Agronomy
American Soybean Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Center for Rural Affairs
Community Food Security Coalition
Cooperative Extension, Purdue University College of Agriculture
Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau
Crop Science Society of America
Environmental and Energy Study Institute

Environmental Defense Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Farm Credit Council
Izaak Walton League of America
Montana Agricultural Experiment Station
National Agricultural Aviation Association
National Association of Conservation Districts
National Association of Counties
National Association of Development Organizations
National Association of State Conservation Agencies
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Corn Growers Association
National Farmers Union
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
National Sunflower Association
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness
ProAg
Rural Community Assistance Partnership
Soil and Water Conservation Society
Soil Science Society of America
The Nature Conservancy
The Ohio State University
United FCS
US Canola Association
USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council