

December 16, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

The undersigned agricultural organizations urge the Senate to support and pass Sen. Bennet's legislation, the Affordable and Secure Food Act by the end of the year to address the workforce crisis threatening farms across the United States. The ongoing farm workforce crisis is hindering agricultural production and contributing to food price inflation. We must address this now, so our producers can continue to grow, feed, clothe, and fuel our nation.

Sen. Bennet's legislation provides stability for our existing workers and makes key reforms to the H-2A program, the visa program producers use to hire legal temporary workers to supplement the available U.S. workforce. While the bill is not perfect, it provides a significant step forward by providing access to guest workers for many sectors in the industry and will account for real cost savings for farmers and consumers across the country. The House has passed legislation on this issue, and it is now time for the Senate to act before the end of the year. Without immediate action by the Senate, the federal government's outdated policies, insufficient domestic workforce, and a challenging guest worker program are forcing many farmers to consider whether they can continue in labor-intensive agriculture.

The country cannot afford for the Senate to miss this opportunity to provide stability to both farmers and farmworkers. We implore the Senate to pass legislation to address our agricultural workforce challenges and ease inflationary pressure on food costs for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Council of California
Agri-Mark, Inc.
Agtegra Cooperative
Alsum Farms & Produce, Inc
Amcot
American AgCredit
American Crystal Sugar Company
American Honey Producers Association
American Mushroom Institute
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
AmericanHort
Andrew & Williamson Fresh Produce
Andrew & Williamson Fresh Produce
Applewood Fresh Growers, LLC

Arizona Dairy Producers Trade Association
Arizona Nursery Association
Associated Milk Producers Inc.
Bay Cities Produce, Inc.
Bennett Berry Farm LLC
Blueberry Bunch Farm LLC
Bobalu LLC
Bongards' Creameries
Brantley County Blueberries, LLC
Brooks Tropicals, LLC
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Brookside Farms, LLC
Calavo Growers, Inc.
California Apple Commission
California Association of Winegrape Growers
California Blueberry Association
California Blueberry Commission
California Canning Peach Association
California Citrus Mutual
California Dairies, Inc.
California Dairy Campaign
California Farm Bureau
California Fresh Fruit Association
California Olive Oil Council
California Walnut Commission
California Wild Rice Advisory Board
Capital City Fruit, Co.
Carolinas Cotton Growers
Cayuga Marketing
Center for Dairy Excellence (Pennsylvania)
Central Valley Ag
Ceres Solutions
Christopher Ranch LLC
CHS, Inc.
Co-Alliance Cooperative, Inc.
CoBank
Coconut King
Colorado Dairy Farmers
Colorado Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association
Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association
Colorado Potato Legislative Association
Compeer Financial
Cooperative Milk Producers Association
Cornerstone Ag Enterprises
CropLife America
Crunch Pak

DaCosta Blueberry Farms Inc
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.
Dairy Producers of New Mexico
Dan Graiff Farms LLC
DeGrandchamp Farms Inc.
Delta Council
DNO Produce
Domex Superfresh Growers
Dosner Organic Farms
Driscoll's
Duncan Family Farms
Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative
Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery
Empire State Potato Growers
Farm Credit East
Farm Credit Services of America – IA, NE, SD, WY
FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative
Firestone Pacific Foods
First District Association
Florida Citrus Mutual
Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association
Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association
Food Producers of Idaho
Foremost Farms USA
Frantz Nursery
Fresh Texas
Frontier Farm Credit – KS
Fruit Growers Supply
Georgia Blueberry Commission
Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association
Georgia Green Industry Association
Georgia Milk Producers, Inc.
Girardin's Gardens, LLC
Goin's Blueberry Lane
GreenStone Farm Credit Services
Grimmway Farms
Gulf Citrus Growers Association
Holthouse Farms of Ohio, nc.
Idaho Alfalfa and Clover Seed Growers Association
Idaho Apple Commission
Idaho Cherry Commission
Idaho Dairymen's Association
Idaho Hay and Forage Association
Idaho Honey Industry Association
Idaho Hop Growers Association
Idaho Oilseed Commission

Idaho Onion Growers Association
Idaho Potato Commission
Idaho-Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association
IFCO Systems
Illinois Green Industry Association
Indiana Dairy Producers
Interfresh
International Dairy Foods Association
International Fresh Produce Association
Iowa Institute for Cooperatives
Iowa State Dairy Association
JEC Farms, LLC.
Joe Produce, LLC
Joseph Bezon & Son
JR's Berry Farms
K&C Farms
Kansas Livestock Association
Kansas Nursery and Landscape Association
Kentucky Dairy Development Council
Kevin Eason Farms
Land O'Lakes, Inc.
Legacy Labor, Inc.
Leitz Farms LLC
Little Bear Produce
Lone Star Milk Producers
Mack Farms inc
Maine Dairy Industry Association
Maine Potato Board
Malheur County Onion Growers Association
Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association
Mastronardi Produce - USA
MBG Marketing
MD Basciani & Sons, Inc.
Meyer Farms
Michigan Apple Association
Michigan Asparagus
Michigan Freeze Pack
Michigan Milk Producers Association
Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association
Michigan State Horticultural Society
Michigan Vegetable Council
Midwest Apple Improvement Association (MAIA)
Midwest Dairy Farms
Midwest Groundcovers
Midwest Trading Horticultural Supplies
Miles Berry Farm

Milk Producers Council
Milk Producers of Idaho
Minnesota Milk Producers Association
MKC (Mid-Kansas Cooperative)
Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative Association
Nardelli Bros. Inc.
National All-Jersey
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pecan Federation
National Potato Council
Nebraska Cooperative Council
New Day Berry Farms LLC
New York Apple Association
New York Apple Growers
New York Farm Bureau
New York State Flower Industries
New York State Horticultural Society
Nezperce Prairie Grass Growers Assn.
North American Blueberry Council
North Bay Produce, Inc.
North Carolina Dairy Producers Association
North Carolina Potato Association
Northeast Dairy Producers Association
Northland Potato Growers Association
Northwest Dairy Association/Darigold
Northwest Farm Credit Services
Northwest Horticultural Council
NW Ag Cooperative Council
Ohio Dairy Producers Association
Ohio Produce Growers and Marketing Association
Olive Growers Council of California
Oneida-Madison Milk Producers Cooperative Association
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Oregon Potato Commission
OZBLU USA LLac
Packers Canning dba Honee Bear Canning
Peak Foods LLC
Pennsylvania Apple Program
Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers
Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association
Peterson Farms, Inc.
Plains Cotton Cooperative Association
Potato Growers of Michigan, Inc.

Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.
Premium Peanut
Produce Alliance LLC
Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania
S. Katzman Produce
Scioto Cooperative Milk Producers' Association
Society of American Florists
South Dakota Association of Cooperatives
South Dakota Dairy Producers
South East Dairy Farmers Association
Southeast Milk, Inc.
Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative, Inc.
Sunkist Growers
Sunmaid Growers of California
Sunsweet Growers Inc.
Suwannee Creek Berries llc
Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council
Texas Association of Dairymen
Texas International Produce Association
The Crews Farm, LLC.
The National Asparagus Council
The San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market
Tillamook County Creamery Association
Tops Markets
U.S. Apple Association
U.S. Beet Sugar Association
United Dairy Farmers of Florida, Inc.
United Dairymen of Arizona
United Egg Producers
United Potato Growers of America
Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc.
US Tobacco Cooperative
Utah Apple Marketing board
Utah Horticulture Association
Utah Tart Cherry Marketing board
Vidalia Onion Business Council
Village Farms
Virginia Apple Growers Association
W. P. Rawl & Sons
Walker Berry Brothers
Washington State Dairy Federation
Washington State Potato Commission
Washington State Tree Fruit Association
Western Growers
Western States Dairy Producers Association
Westfalia Fruit US

Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association
Wish Farms