

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 Without immediate action by the Senate, the federal government's outdated policies, insufficient domestic workforce, and a challenging guest worker program are forcing many farmers to consider whether they can continue in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  
Amalgamated Sugar Company  
Amcot  
American AgCredit  
American Crystal Sugar Company  
American Honey Producers Association  
American Mushroom Institute  
American Sugarbeet Growers Association  
AmericanHort  
Andrew & Williamson Fresh Produce  
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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  
Brooks Tropicals, LLC.  
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 Grower Shippers 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  
Snake River Sugarbeet Growers 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  
U.S. Custom Harvesters Inc.  
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