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The Honorable Michael Conaway  
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The Honorable Pat Roberts  
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The Honorable Collin Peterson  
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Dear Farm Bill Conferees:

The undersigned organizations represent millions of farmers and ranchers, sportsmen and women, fish and wildlife professionals, conservationists, foresters, landowners, and food companies. We applaud your commitment to pass an on-time farm bill through the conference process. As you work to reauthorize the farm bill, the undersigned groups urge you to uphold conservation baseline funding in this farm bill and beyond.

The proven and reliable tools made available through the conservation title play a critical role in supporting farmers as they strive to make good management decisions on their land and water. Cuts to conservation funding through the 2014 farm bill, previous appropriations bills, and sequestration have led to landowner demand far exceeding supply. Taking these cuts into account, it is essential that the next farm bill does not further erode funding for these valuable resources.

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 Farmland Trust  
American Forest Foundation  
American Forests  
American Seed Trade Association  
American Woodcock Society  
Archery Trade Association  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
Association of State Floodplain Managers  
Bird Conservation Network  
Boone and Crockett Club  
California Waterfowl  
Camp Fire Club of America  
Capital Region Land Conservancy  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage  
Citizens Campaign for the Environment  
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

Conservation Force  
The Conservation Fund  
Dallas Safari Club  
Danone North America  
Delaware Nature Society  
Delta Waterfowl  
Ducks Unlimited  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Environmental Defense Fund  
For Love of Water  
Healthy Urban Waters Program at Wayne State  
University  
Heart of the Lakes  
Houston Safari Club  
The Hunter's Institute  
Illinois Ornithological Society  
Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited  
Illinois Environmental Council

Indiana Wildlife Federation  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Izaak Walton League of America National Great  
Lakes Committee  
Lake Erie Foundation  
Land Improvement Contractors of America  
Land Trust Alliance  
Masters of Foxhounds Association  
Michigan League of Conservation Voters  
Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's  
Association  
Michigan Wildlife Conservancy  
Mid-Atlantic Youth Anglers & Outdoors  
Partners  
Milwaukee Riverkeeper  
Mule Deer Foundation  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
National Association of Forest Service Retirees  
National Association of State Conservation  
Agencies  
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  
Nature Abounds  
The Nature Conservancy  
Nestlé  
New York Trout Unlimited

North American Grouse Partnership  
Ohio Conservation Federation  
Openlands  
The Piedmont Environmental Council  
Pheasants Forever  
Pope & Young Club  
Professional Outfitters and Guides of America  
Quail Forever  
Quality Deer Management Association  
Refuge Association  
Ruffed Grouse Society  
Safari Club International  
Save the Dunes  
Southern Maryland Audubon Society  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Trout Unlimited  
The Trust for Public Land  
Unilever  
Western Landowners Alliance  
Western New York Environmental Alliance  
Western Reserve Chapter, Izaak Walton League  
of America  
Whitetails Unlimited  
Wild Sheep Foundation  
Wildlife Forever  
Wildlife Management Institute  
Wildlife Mississippi  
The Wildlife Society  
Wisconsin Trout Unlimited  
Wisconsin Wetlands Association

Cc: Members of the Farm Bill Conference Committee