

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  
Washington, DC 20510

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

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