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The Honorable John Boozman
Chairman
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
Forestry
United States Senate
328A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
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Re: Oppose Amdt Lujan 17 to the Agricultural Act of 2026 – The “SAFE” Amdt

Dear Chairman Boozman, Ranking Member Klobuchar, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for your commitment to advancing the Agricultural Act of 2026. The conservation programs and forest management reforms will bring meaningful improvement to lands and waters on which wildlife depend.

We respectfully urge you to oppose Amdt Lujan 17 “Save America’s Forgotten Equines Act”.

This proposal would affect both the small market for sales of privately-owned horses and worsen the huge problem of controlling feral horses on federal public land. This would narrow the options available to the millions of sportsmen and women, conservationists, and natural resource and wildlife management professionals we represent.

The Bureau of Land Management estimates the population of wild horses and burros across the federal estate is over three times the Appropriate Management Level. The ecological impact is devastating—rangelands and riparian areas are degraded, forage and water resources depleted, and native wildlife are displaced. Through appropriations riders over the past several decades, Congress has repeatedly restricted the federal land agencies’ ability to take the actions necessary to restore and maintain a thriving natural ecological balance as envisioned under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971. Despite the health conditions of our wild horses and the landscapes they inhabit, the SAFE Act permanently enshrines these restrictions perpetuating and exacerbating the crisis on our rangelands. With the unsustainable costs of off-range care and the underperforming adoption program, Congress should not permanently eliminate options for disposition.

Thank you for your consideration of the practical conservation, management, and fiscal consequences of this proposal. We look forward to partnering with you to advance a farm bill that holistically advances conservation.

Sincerely,

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