

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Hon. John Boehner
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H232 Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

We are writing today to express our strong support for the House of Representatives to appoint conferees so that we can continue working to reach a bi-cameral agreement on a new long-term farm bill.

As we are all aware, the United States Congress is at odds over the terms of the continuing resolution needed to fund the federal government. While it is disappointing that there is not much progressing on this front, it creates an opportunity for us to get a final long-term farm bill passed and signed into law.

The United States is home to over 2.2 million farms. About 97 percent of U.S. farms are operated by families. It is hard for these families to have the stability and certainty needed to run their farms without a long-term farm bill. That is why reaching an agreement is so important. At the same time, a long-term farm bill will save taxpayers' money by streamlining programs and eliminating those that are outdated.

Farmers are in the field doing their job, and it is important that the United States Congress does theirs. As long as we are all in Washington, we may as well make the best of the situation and provide farmers the tools they need to continue to produce our food and fiber at the lowest possible price. It will also show the country that the United States Congress can put aside our differences and work in a bipartisan fashion to literally feed our country.

Sincerely,



Ed Whitfield
Member of Congress



Brett Guthrie
Member of Congress



Andy Barr
Member of Congress