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The Honorable Bill Cassidy United States Senate 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

The Honorable John Kennedy United States Senate 437 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Steve Scalise Majority Leader United States House of Representatives 2049 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Troy Carter United States House of Representatives 442 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Garrett Graves United States House of Representatives 2402 Rayburn House Office Building Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Clay Higgins United States House of Representatives 572 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Johnson United States House of Representatives 568 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Julia Letlow United States House of Representatives 142 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Cassidy, Senator Kennedy, Majority Leader Scalise, Congressman Carter, Congressman Graves, Congressman Higgins, Congressman Johnson, and Congresswoman Letlow:

As you debate the provisions of the Continuing Resolution to fund the operations of the government, please remember that the time is now for Congress to stop delaying on the delivery of critical aid to farmers and ranchers.

As farmers and ranchers continue facing mounting challenges to grow food and fiber, there are several legislative actions that can help them now: passing Farm Assistance and Revenue Mitigation Act (FARM Act), and extending the Farm Bill.

However I can assist in these endeavors, I will gladly do so. I thank each of you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Mike Strain, DVM Commissioner