

The Honorable Senator Pat Roberts
109 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

June 18, 2018

Dear Senator Roberts,

We, the undersigned groups, are writing you in support of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. This legislation contains many policies and programs that are essential to Kansas farmers, ranchers, and families, by providing economic predictability for those in need across the state.

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 contains many provisions that give farmers certainty in uncertain times and help protect their crops against Mother Nature, such as enhancements to the Title 1 safety net programs and the preservation of vital crop insurance programs that provide fundamental support for farmers who are experiencing tough growing conditions and historically low crop prices.

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 also contains many other provisions and programs that are key to agriculture and other stakeholders across the state, including voluntary conservation programs that allow farmers and ranchers to achieve their economic goals while protecting the State's valuable natural resources.

The Act also makes a clear effort to expand agricultural trade, international food aid, and investments in agricultural research and technology, supporting countless jobs and helping the State export billions of dollars' worth of agricultural products every year.

We also commend you and Ranking Member Stabenow for your bipartisan efforts to make enhancements to protect the integrity of the SNAP program while preserving eligibility and benefits for those in need. This bill allows families and individuals to get the assistance necessary to get them back on their feet and strengthens employment and training programs that help prepare Kansans for the jobs of the future. The legislation also provides a modest amount of additional funding for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), which provides nutritious US grown food to food banks and pantries that serve Kansas families in need.

While we know this is not a perfect bill, we do know that this bill is good for Kansas. For these reasons, we thank you and Ranking Member Stabenow for your work on writing the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 and your continued support as the Farm Bill process continues through Congress.

Sincerely,

Agriculture Business Council of Kansas City
Kansas Association of Wheat Growers
Dairy Farmers of America
Harvesters--The Community Food Network
Frontier Farm Credit
Kansas Action for Children
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association
Kansas Appleseed
Kansas Association of Conservation Districts
Kansas Bankers Association
Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Kansas Cooperative Council
Kansas Corn Growers Association
Kansas Department of Agriculture
Kansas Farm Bureau
Kansas Food Bank

Kansas Grain and Feed Association
Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association
Kansas Health Foundation
Kansas Pork Association
Kansas Soybean Association
Kansas State University
Kansas Sunflower Association
RESULTS- Kansas
Second Harvest Community Food Bank
Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management
District No. 3
Southwest Kansas Irrigation Association
Sunflower Foundation
United Way of Kansas
University of Kansas