

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Joe Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to quickly nominate a candidate to serve as the Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and a candidate to serve as the Undersecretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

American farmers, ranchers, and foresters are the backbone of our rural economy. Much of their cash receipts are dependent on preventing unfair or anti-competitive trade practices, enforcing existing trade agreements, and creating new foreign market access opportunities. At a time when the nation's agricultural economy is facing record high input costs, supply chain challenges, and the effects of world economic events, the U.S. agricultural trade agenda has never been more important for U.S. agriculture to remain a reliable supplier of affordable, nutritious foods to people around the world.

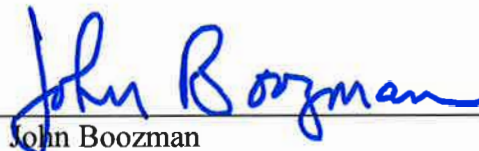
Global agricultural markets are highly competitive. Every day, new trade barriers against American agricultural products are being devised to limit our access. We need strong advocates who understand the needs of American farmers, ranchers, and foresters, and who will represent their best interests on the world stage. We continue to meet with parties interested in establishing new trading relationships with U.S. agriculture and the potential for improved and expanded market access is already present.

We share your commitment to strengthening rural communities. An aggressive agricultural trade agenda will advance that goal; therefore, we ask that you fill these important vacancies as soon as possible.

Thank you.



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Chairwoman  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
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John Boozman  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
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Mike Crapo  
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