

September 10, 2012

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas
Chairman, Agriculture Committee
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
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The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Adrian Smith
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Lee Terry
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Ben Nelson
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mike Johanns
United States Senate
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As the expiration of the current Farm Bill moves closer, the organizations signed below ask that a renewed effort be put forth in completing a new five-year 2012 Farm Bill which includes livestock disaster assistance.

We collectively appreciate the bi-partisan work exhibited in both the Senate in approving its version of a new Farm Bill and in the House Ag Committee in advancing its version of a bill. **However, we respectfully request that as representatives of our state and as leaders of our nation, steps be taken to pass a Farm Bill that includes the reauthorization of the livestock disaster assistance programs which expired last year.**

Our farmers, ranchers and livestock producers deserve the certainty that a new Farm Bill can provide through reauthorizing livestock disaster assistance, in streamlining conservation programs, providing sound risk management programs and continuing the priorities in foreign market development. These food producers will soon have to make critical production decisions in the best interests of their livestock and cropping operations.

Additionally from a consumer's perspective a new Farm Bill will ensure that our nation's producers of food, energy and fiber continue to provide the healthiest, safest and most economical supply possible.

Should you have any questions for any of us, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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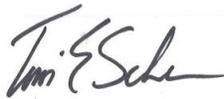
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Nebraska Cooperative Council



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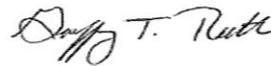
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