

The Honorable Pat Roberts, Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture,
Nutrition, and Forestry
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debi Stabenow, Ranking Member
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RE: Support for Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR)

Dear Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow:

The undersigned wish to thank the members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry for their bipartisan support in establishing the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) in the Agricultural Act of 2014, also known as the 2014 Farm Bill. We strongly encourage your continued support for FFAR in the next Farm Bill. The initial investment of \$200 million in mandatory funding through the Commodity Credit Corporation has been instrumental in helping the U.S. agricultural research enterprise foster continued innovation. FFAR's emergence as a cutting-edge research institution contributing to the long-term competitiveness of our nation's food and agriculture sector is well timed considering the many challenges confronting the U.S. food and agricultural system.

The need for advanced solutions remains imperative if we are to continue to lead the world in food and agricultural innovation. Your work in 2014 to create a new institution for leveraged, public-private partnerships and investments through FFAR was as an inspiration. We urge your continued support of FFAR in the next Farm Bill.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership on food and agricultural research, extension and education.

Respectfully Submitted,

National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR)

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Agricultural Retailers Association

American Farm Bureau Federation

American Feed Industry Association

American Seed Trade Association

American Society for Horticultural Science

American Society for Nutrition

American Society of Agronomy

American Society of Animal Science

American Society of Plant Biologists

American Veterinary Medical Association

Aquatic Plant Management Society

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges

Cherry Marketing Institute Inc.

Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)
Crop Science Society of America
Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy
FASS
Global Harvest Initiative
International Alliance for Phytobiomes Research
Iowa Corn Growers Association
Irrigation Association
Marrone Bio Innovations
Mississippi State University
National Association of Plant Breeders
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Pork Producers Council
North American Millers Association
North Central Regional Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors
North Central Weed Science Society
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association
Northeastern Weed Science Society
PepsiCo
Pollinator Partnership
Purdue University College of Agriculture
Rural Sociological Society
Society for Range Management
Soil Health Institute
Soil Science Society of America
Southern Agricultural Economics Association
Southern Weed Science Society
Supporters of Agricultural Research Foundation
Syngenta
Taylor Shellfish Farms
The American Phytopathological Society
The Fertilizer Institute
United Egg Producers
Universities Council on Water Resources
University of Delaware College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of Nebraska
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

Veterinary Regional Referral Hospital, pc
Wade Water LLC
Weed Science Society of America
Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Stations
Western Society of Weed Science