Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–4319

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
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Dear President Trump,

We, the undersigned Members of Congress representing America's rural economy, commend your efforts to bring fairness to our relationships with trading partners worldwide. For far too long, American farmers and ranchers have been targeted by foreign governments with prohibitively high tariff and non-tariff barriers.

Thanks to your leadership in your first term, Republicans delivered strong wins for Rural America through the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the China Phase One trade deal, and the United States-Japan Trade Agreement. These agreements tore down the massive barriers facing American agriculture, unleashing exports and rebalancing trade. We look forward to working with you to build on these accomplishments for American agriculture through new trade negotiations under your bold America First Trade Policy and Fair and Reciprocal Plan.

Rural America is experiencing challenging economic times. Agricultural exports have not kept pace with imports since 2022, resulting in the U.S. agricultural trade deficit reaching $32 billion for FY2024 — the highest ever recorded. The steep and nonreciprocal barriers imposed by foreign nations suppress demand for American products, harming our farmers. Your leadership, decisive action, and negotiating skills will be key to reaching enforceable deals that open export markets and reverse this trend.

As you know, most countries still impose significantly higher average tariffs on agricultural products than the United States does. The United States maintains an average tariff of 5 percent for agricultural imports, while the average agricultural tariff rate of the world's twenty largest economies is 16.5 percent. Further, American agricultural exports face a litany of nontariff barriers like unscientific regulatory standards, restrictions on genetically modified products, and complex certification requirements.

The removal of these unfair trade barriers would significantly increase market demand and revenues for our producers who have faced a difficult four years. Therefore, as you aim to bring back fairness to our trading relationships through your America First Trade Policy and Fair and Reciprocal Plan, we ask that you continue to keep our farmers and ranchers in mind and

negotiate strong and effective trade agreements with our partners that increase exports of American agricultural products. We thank you for your effective leadership and look forward to helping you Make Rural America Great Again.

Sincerely,

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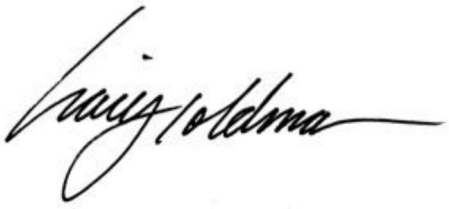

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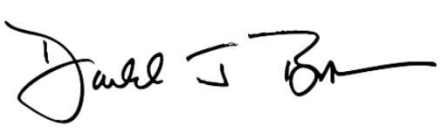

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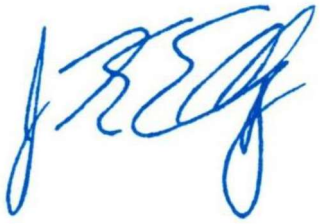

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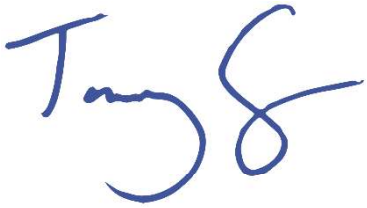

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