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The Honorable John Boozman
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture,
Nutrition, and Forestry
328A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture,
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Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

We write in strong support for the nomination of Dudley Hoskins to be the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP). The Under Secretary is critical in overseeing the administration of a wide variety of marketing and regulatory programs crucial for ensuring the health, quality, availability, and fair marketing value of U.S. agricultural products and resources, both domestically and internationally.

Mr. Hoskins' prior experiences show he is dedicated to serving farmers, ranchers, growers, grain handlers, food and feed processors, and biofuels by supporting the efficient and effective marketing of agricultural goods. These experiences and his deep background knowledge make Hoskins uniquely qualified to serve as the USDA's next Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP).

His understanding of agriculture can be traced back to his extensive policy background as a staffer with trade associations representing equine, pesticide manufacturers and state agriculture departments. These experiences benefited him when he served as Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary of MRP in President Trump's first administration and worked directly with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) leadership to ensure the operational integrity of both agencies. This experience served Hoskins well when he then served as a Senior Advisor to Secretary Sonny Perdue to implement MRP policy initiatives and ensure efficient program delivery.

As a senior professional staff member and Counsel with the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, he has continued his service on issues important to American agriculture.

We strongly urge the Committee to advance Dudley Hoskins nomination in a timely manner, so he can quickly get to work in this important role. We believe Hoskins' depth and breadth of experience and knowledge in the quality, availability and fair marketing of agricultural products will make him an excellent Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

Regards,

Agribusiness Council of Indiana
Agricultural Council of Arkansas
Agricultural Retailers Association

American Beekeeping Federation
American Cotton Shippers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Honey Producers Association
AmericanHort
American Livestock Markets and Dealers Association
American Seed Trade Association
American Sheep Industry Association
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
Amcot
Arkansas Rice Federation
California Alfalfa and Forage Association
California Association of Wheat Growers
California Bean Shippers Association
California Cherry Growers and Industry Association
California Grain and Feed Association
California Pear Growers
California Prune Board
California Rice Commission
California Seed Association
California State Beekeepers Association
California State Floral Association
California Sweetpotato Council
California Walnut Commission
California Warehouse Association
Cotton Growers Warehouse Association
Cotton Warehouse Association of America
Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology
CropLife America
Delta Council
Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative
Farm Credit Council
Florida Citrus Mutual
Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association
Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association
Georgia Agribusiness Council
Georgia Blueberry Commission
Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association
Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association
Illinois Seed Trade Association, Inc.
Indiana Soybean Alliance
International Dairy Foods Association
International Fresh Produce Association
Iowa Seed Association
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association

Kansas Grain and Feed Association
Kansas Soybean Association
Livestock Marketing Association
Louisiana Rice Producers' Group
MBG Marketing
Michigan Agribusiness Association
Midwest Dry Bean Coalition
Mississippi Rice Council
Mississippi Soybean Association
Missouri Rice Council
National Association of Landscape Professionals
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Grain and Feed Association
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pecan Federation
National Pork Producers Council
National Potato Council
National Sorghum Producers
National Sunflower Association
National Turkey Federation
National Watermelon Association
NC AgriBusiness Council
Nebraska Soybean Association
New York State Agribusiness Association
North American Meat Institute
North Dakota Grain Dealers Association
Northharvest Bean Growers Association
Northeast Agribusiness & Feed Alliance
NW Ag Cooperative Council
Ohio Agribusiness Association
Oregon Seed Association
Pacific Coast Renderers Association
Pacific Seed Association
Pet Food Institute
Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association
Society of American Florists
South Carolina Peach Council
Southern Crop Production Association
Southwest Council of Agribusiness
Texas Ag Industries Association
Texas Cattle Feeders Association
Texas Citrus Mutual
Texas Rice Producers Legislative Group

Texas Seed Trade Association
The Fertilizer Institute
United Dairymen of Arizona
United Egg Producers
USA Rice
U.S. Canola Association
U.S. Cattlemen's Association
U.S. Dairy Export Council
U.S. Peanut Federation
U.S. Wheat Associates
Vidalia Onion Business Council
Virginia Agribusiness Council
Virginia Farm Bureau
Virginia Grain Producers Association
WA Friends of Farms and Forests
Walnut Alliance
Washington Red Raspberry Commission
Western Growers Association
Western Peanut Growers Association