

June 4, 2021

The Honors Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Chair
Senate Agriculture Committee
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The Honorable John Boozman
Ranking Member
Senate Agriculture Committee
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairwoman Stabenow, and Ranking Member Boozman:

The undersigned companies write in support of the Growing Climate Solutions Act, S. 1251. This important legislation will provide farmers with much-needed technical assistance while increasing on-farm conservation practices.

While we represent businesses of varying sizes with diverse product offerings, we share a common belief that action must be taken immediately to promote natural climate solutions. Such action must be meaningful, and a high standard should be applied when implementing these solutions. The Growing Climate Solutions Act will help establish a meaningful and important role for the U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) in advancing voluntary climate initiatives that are based on sound science and supported by experienced professionals.

For example, we believe this bill can:

- Help amplify and scale climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts in the land sector with co-benefits for livelihoods and ecosystem services, and
- Build more tools and technologies to improve the integrity, consistency, and cost of quantification of land sector investments.

The capacity building support in this bill complements our efforts for both supply chain initiatives and voluntary market development to drive more investment to land managers and producers.

For the United States to take full advantage of natural climate solutions, producers of all sizes should have easy access to technical assistance and markets to incentivize climate-smart practices. We know that there are many growers who are outside our supply chains who would welcome the opportunity to adopt higher levels of ambition in their on-farm stewardship. This bill will help connect growers with necessary technical extension to implement and quantify the

benefits of adopting climate and wildlife-friendly practices in voluntary environmental credit programs.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical step in promoting agricultural carbon capture solutions. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in seeing the Growing Solutions Act signed into law.

Signed,

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Califia Farms
Chobani
CocoNifty
Danone North America
General Mills
Good Karma Foods

Hungry Planet, Inc.
Impossible Foods
Kellogg Company
Mars, Inc.
Mondelēz International
Nestlé USA
No Evil Foods

Ocean Hugger Foods, Inc.
Outstanding Foods
PepsiCo
Revolution Gelato
The Tofurky Company
Unilever North America
Upfield