

June 5, 2013

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Sen. Reid:

The undersigned organizations are writing to strongly urge you to vote for cloture tomorrow on the consideration of S. 954, *the Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013*.

This bill was crafted in a bipartisan fashion and reported out of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry by a vote of 15-5. It contains major reforms as well as spending cuts to be used to reduce the Federal budget deficit.

This bill affects 16 million Americans whose livelihoods depend on agriculture. We must pass a farm bill this year to provide certainty to those individuals. We must cut unnecessary spending. We must ensure that consumers will continue to have a safe, healthy and affordable food supply. We must provide an effective farm and natural resource safety net. We must invest in initiatives that boost exports, and spur innovations in new industries.

It is vitally important that the Senate support the cloture motion and finish the farm bill in the next few days.

Sincerely,

Advocates for Better Children's Diets  
AGP  
AgFirst  
AgriBank  
AgStar Financial Services  
American Association of Crop Insurers  
American Beekeeping Federation  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Farmland Trust  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Malting Barley Association  
American Pulse Association  
American Society of Agronomy  
American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers  
American Soybean Association  
American Sugar Alliance  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
Apple Processors Association

Associated Milk Producers Inc.  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
American Sheep Industry Association  
American Soybean Association  
Audubon  
Blue Diamond Growers  
California Association of Winegrape Growers  
California Avocado Commission  
California Canning Peach Association  
California Date Commission  
California Dried Plum Board  
California Fig Advisory Board  
California Strawberry Commission  
California Walnut Commission  
Ceres Solutions LLP  
CHS  
CoBank  
Continental Dairy Products  
Cooperative Network  
Crop Insurance Professionals Association  
Crop Science Society of America  
CropLife America  
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.  
Dairy Farmers Working Together  
Dairy Producers of New Mexico  
Dairylea Cooperative Inc.  
Ducks Unlimited  
Farm Credit Bank of Texas  
Farm Credit Council  
Farm Credit East  
Farm Credit West  
FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative  
Farmer Mac  
Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association  
Growth Energy  
GROWMARK  
Holstein Association USA, Inc.  
Idaho Dairymen's Association  
Irrigation Association  
Iowa State Dairy Association  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Kansas Cooperative Council  
Land O'Lakes, Inc.

Land Improvement Contractors of America  
Land Trust Alliance  
Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc.  
Michigan Milk Producers Association  
Midwest Dairy Coalition Milk Producers Council  
Missouri Dairy Association  
Montana Stockgrowers Association  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
National Association of RC&D Councils  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Barley Growers Association  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Conservation District Employees Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Farmers Union  
National Grape Cooperative Association Inc.  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Sunflower Association  
National Turkey Federation  
National Wildlife Federation  
Nebraska Cooperative Council  
North American Blueberry Council  
Northwest Dairy Association/Darigold  
Oregon Cherry Growers, Inc.  
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association  
Pheasants Forever  
Plains Cotton Cooperative Association  
Public Lands Council  
Quails Forever  
Select Milk Producers, Inc  
Soil and Water Conservation Society  
Soil Science Society of America  
South Dakota Wheat Growers  
South East Dairy Farmers Association  
Southern Peanut Farmers Federation  
Southern States  
Southwest Council of Agribusiness  
Sunkist Growers  
Sunsweet Growers Inc.  
The Nature Conservancy

The Trust for Public Land  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
US Cattlemen's Association  
US Canola Association  
US Dry Bean Council  
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council  
USA Rice Federation  
US Rice Producers Association  
United Dairymen of Arizona  
Valley Fig Growers Virginia State Dairymen's Association  
Welch Foods Inc., A Cooperative  
Western Growers  
Western Peanut Growers Association  
Yankee Farm Credit