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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, Nutrition, and Forestry 328A Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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

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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 Chicken Council

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

Northarvest 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