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The Honorable Glenn "G.T." Thompson
Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
1300 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thompson,

On behalf of the Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA), I write to express our strong and enthusiastic support for the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. Your leadership in authoring and advancing this comprehensive Farm Bill demonstrates a deep understanding of the challenges facing American agriculture and a steadfast commitment to providing long-term certainty for farmers, ranchers, and the agricultural supply chain.

The agricultural economy continues to navigate extraordinary pressures — volatile commodity markets, extreme and unpredictable weather, global trade instability, workforce shortages, and persistent input cost challenges. Your legislation provides the stability and forward-looking policy framework needed to protect and strengthen the entire agricultural value chain.

Importantly, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 safeguards the agricultural retail industry, the companies that supply them, and the farmers they serve. Agricultural retailers are the critical link between manufacturers and producers, delivering crop nutrients, crop protection products, seed, equipment, precision technologies, and agronomic expertise directly to farm gates across America. By reinforcing the farm safety net, strengthening risk management tools, investing in conservation and research, and promoting trade and rural development, your bill ensures that retailers and their supplier partners can continue to make long-term investments that support farmer success.

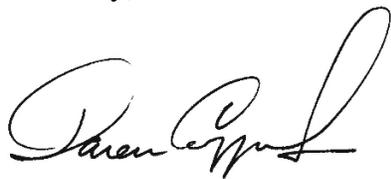
ARA is particularly grateful for your recognition of the importance of maintaining farmer access to modern agricultural technologies, including pesticides and other crop protection tools. Science-based policies that preserve these essential inputs are vital to managing production risk, improving yields, enhancing environmental stewardship, and keeping American agriculture globally competitive. Your bill appropriately balances

productivity, sustainability, and regulatory certainty in a way that benefits producers and consumers alike.

While certain Farm Bill provisions were addressed in prior legislation, many critical priorities for agricultural retailers and their supplier partners required the comprehensive approach embodied in your bill. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 delivers that complete vision — one that protects food security, strengthens the rural economy, and reinforces national security through a resilient domestic agricultural system.

ARA strongly supports your efforts and stands ready to work alongside you and the House Agriculture Committee to secure passage of this vital legislation. We commend your leadership and dedication to ensuring a safe, abundant, and affordable food supply for American families and global markets.

Sincerely,

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W. Daren Coppock
President & CEO
Agricultural Retailers Association