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The Honorable Glenn "GT" Thompson  
Chairman  
House Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thompson:

On behalf of the Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA), which represents the nation's agricultural retailers and the farmers they serve, I write to express our strong support for the Securing Agriculture's Workforce Act of 2026 and urge Congress to move swiftly to advance this important legislation.

Agricultural retailers play a critical role in ensuring farmers have timely access to fertilizer, crop protection products, seed, agronomic expertise, and other essential services. However, persistent labor shortages continue to challenge our industry's ability to meet the needs of American agriculture. Modernizing the H-2A program is essential to strengthening the agricultural supply chain and maintaining the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture.

The Securing Agriculture's Workforce Act contains several reforms long supported by ARA, including streamlining the H-2A application process, providing greater flexibility for year-round agricultural employment, improving worker portability, and modernizing wage requirements. These commonsense reforms will help employers access a reliable workforce while maintaining important worker protections.

ARA appreciates your leadership in advancing meaningful agricultural labor reform and looks forward to working with Congress to secure passage of this legislation. We urge lawmakers to act quickly to provide the certainty and workforce solutions needed by agricultural employers and the producers they support.

Sincerely,

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