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The Honorable Pat Roberts, Chairman  
Chairman, Senate Agriculture Committee  
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The Honorable Mike Conaway  
Chairman, House Agriculture Committee  
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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Ranking Member, Senate Agriculture Committee  
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Collin Peterson  
Ranking Member, House Agriculture Committee  
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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

The Farm Bill has a long history of bipartisan collaboration that is critical to the farmers, ranchers, and private foresters who manage the more than two thirds of private lands and birds depend on their actions. We look forward to continuing to work with the Committee to reauthorize critical bird-friendly conservation activities in the Farm Bill, such as increasing wildlife funding in EQIP to 10 percent. We urge you to support full conservation title funding in any final agreement between House and Senate conferees, and to oppose all anti-environmental riders. It is important that the provisions of the bill remain within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture committees, free from provisions regarding the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Water Rule, the National Environmental Policy Act, Roadless Area Conservation Rule, and pesticide use.

We thank you for your work to advance the 2018 Farm Bill, which includes many important conservation provisions that foster food security, environmental sustainability, and support for private land managers and the birds that depend on them. We encourage you to agree upon a clean Farm Bill that is free of anti-environmental riders that could undermine this progress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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