February 14, 2014

RE: THANK YOU! For Including the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) Authorization and $200 Million in Mandatory Funding in the Agricultural Act of 2014

Dear Conferee:

The undersigned would like to express their sincere appreciation and thanks for including Sec. 7601 in what is now the Agricultural Act of 2014. Sec. 7601 in Title VII, “Research, Extension and Related Matters,” authorizes a Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) and provides an initial investment of $200 million.

As we all work toward realizing the significant potential of FFAR to increase investments in food and agricultural research—by providing input on the implementation of the FFAR provision, by defending the mandatory funding and by avoiding offsets in other food and agricultural research, Extension and education (REE) funding—we thank you in advance for your continued oversight and support.

Thank you again for your consideration and for your leadership on food and agricultural research, Extension and education.

Sincerely,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Agribusiness Council of Louisiana
Alcorn State University, School of Agriculture, Research, Extension and Applied Sciences
American Association of Avian Pathologists
American Association of Bovine Practitioners
American Beekeeping Federation
American Dairy Science Association (ADSA)
American Feed Industry Association
American Seed Trade Association
American Sheep Industry Association
American Society of Agronomy
American Society for Horticultural Science
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society of Plant Biologists
American Soybean Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Aquatic Plant Management Society
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Biotechnology Industry Organization
Botanical Society of America
California Association of Wheat Growers
California Wheat Commission
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Idaho
Council for Agricultural Science and Technology
Crop Science Society of America
CropLife America
Entomological Society of America
Experiment Station Committee on Policy
Fats and Proteins Research Foundation
Federation of Animal Science Societies
Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station
Idaho Grain Producers Association
Institute of Food Technologists
Irrigation Association
Kansas Association of Wheat Growers
Michigan Veterinary Medical Association
Minnesota Pork Producers Association
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
National Agricultural Biotechnology Council
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Farmers Union
National Renderers Association
North American Millers’ Association
North Central Weed Science Society
North Dakota Wheat Commission
Northeastern Weed Science Society
Poultry Science Association
Soil and Water Conservation Society
Soil Science Society of America
Southern Weed Science Society
Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association
The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation
U.S. Apple Association
United Dairymen of Arizona
Utah Veterinary Medical Association
Weed Science Society of America
Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors
Western Society of Weed Science
Wyoming Livestock Board