

September 24, 2021

The Honorable Deb Fischer
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Fischer and Klobuchar:

The undersigned organizations are writing in support of “The Precision Agriculture Loan Program Act,” which would provide resources for growers to adopt precision agriculture technologies. This Act would create a program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide loan financing to farmers and ranchers interested in purchasing precision agriculture equipment. We appreciate your leadership in introducing this bill.

The legislation recognizes the importance of utilizing precision agricultural equipment and technologies to further enhance efficient agricultural practices and production. The legislation would provide conservation and environmental benefits by accelerating the adoption of practices that increase yields, while reducing the use of inputs such as feed, fertilizer, agricultural chemicals, water and time. Technologies that enhance the efficient use of these inputs include GPS enabled devices including autosteer and auto guidance, variable application rate technology, telematics and fleet analytics, satellite mapping and imagery, yield monitors, soil mapping, sensors to gather crop, soil moisture or livestock data, software and advanced analytics, precision irrigation including remote telemetry for irrigation scheduling and other remote telemetry and network connectivity products.

We strongly support the Precision Agriculture Loan Program Act, common sense legislation that will enable growers to produce more, consuming less and conserve wildlife habitat.

Sincerely,

American Seed Trade Association
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
California Specialty Crops Council
Council of Producers and Distributors of Agrotechnology
FMC
Hop Growers of America
Lindsay
National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Milk Producers Federation
National Onion Association
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