



August 6, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy,

The Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance (FACA) consists of organizations representing farmers, ranchers, forest owners, agribusinesses, manufacturers, the food and innovation sector, state governments, sportsmen, and environmental advocates. Our organizations have broken through historical barriers to develop and promote shared climate policy priorities across the entire agriculture, food and forestry value chains.

As Congress prepares to draft a budget reconciliation package that could substantially increase federal investment in climate-smart agriculture and forestry initiatives, FACA is committed to ensuring this opportunity yields the strongest results for both the climate and the farmers, ranchers and forest owners who are stewards of the land.

FACA, now more than 80 members strong, was founded on the principle of bipartisanship and believes widespread support strengthens any legislation. We also recognize this package offers a significant opportunity to increase funding for voluntary, incentive- and science-based climate and conservation programs. FACA supports investments in these programs to foster carbon capture and storage on farms and forests, reduce other greenhouse gas emissions and provide a host of additional environmental benefits, such as cleaner water and improved wildlife habitat.

The package must also protect existing farm bill programs and do no harm through tax changes that threaten the economic sustainability and resilience of multi-generational family farms, working forests and lands and the entire food supply chain. Such changes would compromise our industries' ability to deliver continued climate benefits.

FACA appreciates the opportunity to share our views on this legislation. The alliance and its individual members reserve the right to take a position on the entire package – including both

agriculture- and forestry-related climate investments as well as funding mechanisms – based on final bill text.

Sincerely,

The Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance

cc:

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Chairwoman, U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

The Honorable John Boozman
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

The Honorable David Scott
Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Agriculture

The Honorable Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson
Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Agriculture