

Federal Government Affairs March ASTA Happenings:

Continued Coalition Engagement –

Ag Transportation Working Group

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Coalition

Agriculture Biotech Alliance

Americans for Free Trade Coalition

Biostimulant Advocacy Coalition

Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance

Minor Crop Farmer Alliance

Pesticide Policy Coalition

SoAR (Support Ag Research) Partners Meeting

Participated in both internal and external stakeholder meetings, including:

Bureau of Land Management

American Farm Bureau Federation FUSION Conference

Louisiana Department of Agriculture Field Inspector Training

Commodity Classic

Field to Market Supply Chain Briefing

Native Seed Conference

Environmental and Conservation Seed Workshop which included speakers from USDA-NRCS, Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, and more.

Conservation Fly-in to relay ASTA Title II Farm Bill priorities

Crop Life America Board & Allies Dinner

Hill meetings to discuss relevant legislation to the seed industry

Outreach with environmental and conservation groups including Duck's Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Nature Conservancy, and the World Wildlife Fund to discuss shared Farm Bill priorities

Joined industry advocacy letters to Congress and the Administration, including:

Industry letter to express support for the SHIP IT Act to urge further action to improve supply chain function with legislation to aid truck transportation

Industry letter to support the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority (AgARDA) to be fully funded at \$50 million for FY24.

Industry letter to express support for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) in the FY 2024 appropriations bill.

Endorsement by ASTA of American Farmland Trust's submission to the Senate Agriculture Committee of a federal program to provide matching funding for state soil health programs as part of the next Farm Bill.

Industry letter to support the timely passage of the next Farm Bill and sufficient resources to the Senate Agriculture committee to craft the next Farm Bill.

A letter from the Pesticide Policy Coalition in opposition of Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ)'s bill to amend FIFRA.

Industry [letter](#) to Chairwoman Stabenow and Ranking Member Boozman supporting the nomination of Under Secretary of Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small to serve as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).