

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Chairwoman, Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
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The Honorable Glenn Thompson
Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Boozman
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
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The Honorable David Scott
Ranking Member, House Committee on
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Dear Leaders Schumer and Jeffries, Chairs Stabenow and Boozman, and Ranking Members Thompson and Scott:

As you come together to reauthorize our nation’s farm and nutrition programs, the below groups representing millions of supporters and members, write to share our concerns regarding the bill as it stands following passage from the House Committee on Agriculture. Simply stated, we cannot support the inclusion of provisions that undermine investments in critical conservation programs or anti-environmental riders, including those that undercut our nation’s bedrock environmental laws.

Forests/Public Lands- We strongly support efforts to strengthen ecologically sound forest management programs in any final conference agreement, but H.R. 8467 includes direct threats to conservation, and science-based restoration and resilience, by establishing broad exemptions from our nation’s environmental review processes. We are deeply concerned with multiple