

FARM BILL ENERGY TITLE SUPPORT LETTER

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Dear Agriculture Committee Leaders and conferees:

As you begin the conference on the new farm bill we urge you to reauthorize and maintain full mandatory funding for energy title programs. Continuing a healthy, robust bipartisan energy title is essential to new comprehensive agriculture legislation. We strongly support the Senate's energy title, as passed, and ask that it be adopted, in a final bill.

Farm bill energy title programs bring significant investment and opportunity to rural America, providing producers with new revenue sources, promoting development in clean, renewable energy, biobased products, and making energy efficiency investments. Due to federal leadership rural economic development, jobs, manufacturing, and environmental quality have all seen quantifiable and substantial gains.

All of this happened with an incredibly modest, cost-effective investment. Energy title programs account for less than one-tenth-of-one-percent of farm bill spending and yet provide outsized benefits. For example, more than 17,000 projects and counting have been cost-shared across the United States -- in every state -- with more than \$5 billion leveraged since the energy title's inception. Public/private investments through farm energy and biobased economy programs are generating sorely needed innovation and growth opportunities for rural America.

For America's farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses to continue to be leaders in the development and the advancement of the clean energy economy, it is critical the final 2018 Farm Bill reauthorizes programs such as the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product

Manufacturing Assistance Program; the Biomarkets program; the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP); the Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI); the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP); and Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels, again with mandatory funding as passed by the Senate.

The programs, as improved in the Senate, can continue to unleash greater benefits. For example, the Biorefinery Assistance Program is opened fully to standalone renewable chemical technologies, enabling innovative companies to participate and grow the biobased economy. An expanded BCAP will continue to support innovative biomass energy development and sustainably address hazardous fuels reduction efforts in our nation's forests. REAP remains a flagship program in the title bringing direct energy and efficiency investments to farmers, ranchers and rural small business in every state.

Energy title programs provide the means for ag-based entrepreneurs to launch initiatives to generate jobs and economic development – from wind, geothermal, hydro and solar power, to biogas and advanced biofuels, to biopower, biobased products, renewable chemicals, and energy efficiency. The energy title has enabled our farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses to become more self-sufficient, and bring high-value products to market not only here in the United States, but around the world.

Given pressing needs in rural America and the great promise of a new, comprehensive farm bill, we urge you to adopt the Senate passed energy title, with full mandatory funding. Thank you for your continued leadership on these issues which are so important to your respective states and rural communities across the country.

Sincerely,

Associations and Organizations

Agriculture Energy Coalition

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Advanced Biofuels USA

Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)

Aireg - Aviation Initiative for Renewable Energy in Germany

Algae Biomass Organization

American Biogas Council

American Coalition for Ethanol

American Soybean Association

Arkansas Advanced Energy Association

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California Forestry Association

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Energy Management Association
Environmental and Energy Study Institute
Environmental Law & Policy Center
Geothermal Alliance of IL
Growth Energy
Gulf States Renewable Energy Industries Association
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Iowa Biotechnology Assn.
Kentucky Poultry Federation
MichBio
Michigan Biomass
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
Mississippi Poultry Association
Missouri Dairy Association
Missouri Farmers Union
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National Farmers Union
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National Rural Lenders Association
NC Clean Energy Technology Center
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Washington State University
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