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The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary of Agriculture
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The Honorable Pamela Bondi
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Dear Secretary Rollins and Attorney General Bondi,

We, the undersigned Members of Congress who represent constituents throughout Rural America, thank you for your steadfast commitment to our nation's farmers and ranchers. Agriculture is the backbone of the American economy, and we stand ready to work with you to address the rising input costs that have crushed our producers for several years.

In 2024, nominal production expenditures per farm increased by over 39 percent¹ compared to 2020². These rising input costs coupled with low commodity prices have fueled an economic crisis in Rural America, and it's why the efforts by your agencies to promote competition in the agricultural input marketplace are critical for our nation's farmers and ranchers, especially as family farm bankruptcies increased by 55 percent³ in 2024 alone.

Accordingly, we welcome the joint USDA-DOJ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) published on September 29, 2025, titled *Cooperation with Respect to Strengthening Competition for Agricultural Inputs*. Strong, consistent enforcement of existing antitrust provisions is critical to ensuring a fair and competitive marketplace that protects America's producers and ultimately helps to make food affordable for all consumers. We also welcome the findings of the Food Supply Chain Security Task Force established by Executive Order 14364 as it works to ensure that existing antitrust measures are being followed by the letter of the law.

Additionally, the commitment to address "regulatory matters related to competitive conditions in the agricultural marketplace" is a critical element of these actions. Producers and manufacturers have long-held concerns about costly permitting and compliance obligations that federal regulations have imposed on their businesses. Overregulation not only restricts employment, limits production, and slows down the construction of new input production capacity, but it can often keep new innovations and entrants out of the marketplace, since these businesses have fewer resources to comply with a burdensome regulatory structure.

¹ <https://esmis.nal.usda.gov/sites/default/release-files/qz20ss48r/w6636271r/9p292904f/fpex0725.pdf>

² https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Todays_Reports/reports/fpex0721.pdf

³ <https://www.fb.org/market-intel/2024-farm-bankruptcies-highlight-worsening-farm-credit>

As you partner to ensure a competitive supply chain for our farmers and ranchers, we request that you respond to this letter, by February 13, 2026, with a list of regulations across all agencies that impede competition in the marketplace for agricultural inputs. Please denote if the identified barriers can be addressed by the Trump administration or if they will require Congressional action.

Thank you again for your leadership, and we look forward to our continued work together to Make Rural America Great Again!

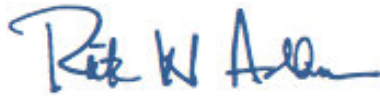
Sincerely,



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