The Honorable Debbie Stabenow Chairwoman The Honorable Pat Roberts Ranking Member

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry 328A Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC, 20510 The Honorable Frank D. Lucas Chairman The Honorable Collin Peterson Ranking Member

House Committee on Agriculture 1301 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC, 20515

February 27, 2012

Dear Chairwoman Stabenow, Ranking Member Roberts, Chairman Lucas and Ranking Member Peterson:

Our organizations, which include millions of members from all across this country, are writing to express our strong support for the Conservation Title of the U.S. Farm Bill.

We understand, of course, that the deliberations needed to re-authorize the Farm Bill in 2012 will be particularly difficult given the need to reduce federal government spending. We believe, however, that the proposal made by the leadership of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees in the Budget Control Act process last year demonstrates that the Conservation Title can continue to meet vital national needs while sharing in budget reductions.

In our vast collective experience as landowners, farmers, ranchers, forest managers, agricultural and forest businesses, hunters and anglers, local and state government officials, and non-profit organizations representing a wide range of interests, we can say, without any doubt, that the programs within the Conservation Title work cost-effectively to serve the short and long term interests of the American people.

The Conservation Title programs recognize that the health of America's soil, water, and other natural resources is essential to the long term productivity and economic viability of agriculture and forestry, that protecting and managing our natural resources is critical to the future of American communities, and that most of our nation's opportunities for hunting, fishing, and observing nature depend upon privately owned habitat on farms, ranches and forest land. The Conservation Title programs help to protect these resources in a uniquely successful way—by funding a variety of voluntary partnerships and cooperative conservation efforts between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and private landowners. These conservation programs are essential to the sustainability of U.S. agriculture and forestry and to meeting the growing demand for food and fiber at home and abroad.

While America has become a more urban nation, agriculture, forestry and outdoor recreation continue to be essential to America's economy. According to USDA, farm and farm-related employment includes about 24 million jobs. Estimates by the American Forest & Paper Association are that forest management and forest dependent industries account for approximately 5 percent of the total U.S. manufacturing GDP, produce about \$175 billion in

products annually, and employ nearly 900,000 people. A study by US Fish and Wildlife Service found that hunting, angling and wildlife-dependent recreation contribute \$122 Billion annually to our national economy. Much of this economic activity is located in rural areas where these activities are vital to local economies. Natural resources-based products represent a significant proportion of the export sector so essential to our economic health. Indeed, U.S. agricultural exports exceeded \$137 billion and accounted for a \$42 billion farm trade surplus in 2011, one of the few bright spots in the American economy last year.

Farm Bill programs fund voluntary agreements between the USDA, non-governmental organizations and farmers, ranchers, and foresters -- to keep their land in agriculture and forestry, to preserve natural habitat in rural landscapes, to save the productivity and economic value of soil and water, and to assist in the management of agricultural and forest lands. The result is real conservation with multiple benefits for every region of America. Not the least of these is helping landowners to stay on the land as stewards of America's legacy of natural resources.

Thus we urge you to reauthorize the Farm Bill in a manner that sustains the integrity and effectiveness of the Conservation Title and maintains conservation funding that meets our national needs.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this critical matter and for your service to the United States of America in these challenging times.

Respectfully, 643 National, State, and Local Organizations

## **National Organizations**

Access Fund

America's WETLAND Foundation

American Bird Conservancy

American Farmland Trust

American Fisheries Society

American Fly Fishing Trade Association

American Forest & Paper Association

American Forest Foundation

American Forests

American Public Works Association

**American Rivers** 

American Sportfishing Association

Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies

Association of State Wetland Managers

Biophilia Foundation

Carbon Verde, LLC

Civil War Trust

CSA International, Inc.

Delmarva Ornithological Society

Delta Waterfowl

**Ducks Unlimited** 

Environmental and Energy Study Institute

**Environmental Defense Fund** 

Forest Resources Association

High Xpectations Whitetail Ranch

**Irrigation Association** 

Land Trust Alliance

League of Conservation Voters

National Alliance of Forest Owners

National Association of Clean Water

Agencies

National Association of Conservation

**Districts** 

National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils National Association of State Foresters National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative National Catholic Rural Life Conference National Network of Forest Practitioners National Parks Conservation Association National Shooting Sports Foundation National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

National Wild Turkey Federation

Nature Abounds

North American Grouse Partnership

Orion-The Hunters' Institute

Outdoor Alliance Pacific Forest Trust

Partners for Sustainable Pollination

Pesticide Action Network

Pheasants Forever

Plum Creek

Pollinator Partnership Pure Air Native Seed

Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation

**Quail Unlimited** 

Quality Deer Management Association

Restore America's Estuaries

River Network

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Ruffed Grouse Society

Save The Hens Foundation, Inc.

Sierra Club

Society for Range Management Society of American Foresters

Soil and Water Conservation Society

The Conservation Fund

The Great Sunflower Project

The Izaak Walton League of America The Lost Arts Collaborative of North

America, Inc.

The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
The Vital Ground Foundation

The Wildlife Society

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation

Partnership Trout Unlimited

Water Environment Federation Whitetails Unlimited, Inc. Wildlands Conservation

Wildlife Forever

Wildlife Management Institute

## State and Local Organizations (alphabetical by state)

Sitka Conservation Society – AK

Cahaba Riverkeeper – AL

Weeks Bay Foundation – AL

The Longleaf Alliance – AL

Arkansas Wildlife Federation – AR

Northwest Arkansas Land Trust – AR

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission – AR Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers

-AR

North Country Conservancy – AZ

Central Arizona Land Trust – AZ

Arizona Elk Society – AZ

Kristina's Natural Ranch Market – CA

Greenbelt Alliance - CA

Ceres Community Project – CA

Roots of Change - CA

Sustainable Cotton Project – CA

Sequoia Riverlands Trust – CA

California Association of Sanitation

Agencies – CA

Watershed Research & Training Center –

CA

Friends of the Santa Clara River – CA

Endangered Habitats League – CA

Mountains Restoration Trust – CA

Northcoast Regional Land Trust – CA

Peninsula Open Space Trust – CA

Santa Clara County Open Space Authority –

CA

Panoche Valley Land Conservancy – CA

Marin Agricultural Land Trust – CA Sierra Foothill Conservancy – CA Mendocino Land Trust – CA Eagle Valley Land Trust – CO Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts - CO Mesa Land Trust – CO Black Canyon Regional Land Trust - CO Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust – CO Rocking U7 Ranch – CO Front Range Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America – CO Connecticut Farmland Trust – CT Connecticut Forest & Park Association – CT Working Lands Alliance – CT Connecticut Audubon Society - CT Wilton Land Conservation Trust – CT Connecticut Land Conservation Council -Southbury Land Trust – CT Kent Land Trust - CT Roxbury Land Trust – CT Housatonic Valley Association - CT Farmington River Watershed Association -CT Northeast Organic Farming Association-Interstate Council – CT Association of Clean Water Administrators -DCJohn L. Conner & Associates – DE Delaware Nature Society – DE Delaware Wild Lands – DE Green Horizon Land Trust – FL Tampa Bay Conservancy – FL Northern Everglades Alliance – FL Florida Wildlife Federation – FL Old River Cattle Co. - FL Conservation Trust for Florida – FL Inland Coast Resources - FL Loxahatchee Group, Florida Sierra Club – FL Adams Ranch, Inc. – FL 1000 Friends of Florida – Fl Audubon Florida – Fl Alico, Inc. – FL Latt Maxcy Corporation – FL

Tall Timbers Research Station & Land Conservancy – FL Durando Ranches – FL Joiner Consulting – FL Everglades Foundation – FL Athens Land Trust – GA Citizens to Promote Pike – GA Hawaiian Islands Land Trust - HI North Shore Community Land Trust – HI Hawaii Agriculture Research Center - HI Hawaii Cattlemen's Council - HI Iowa Safari Club International – IA Prairie Rapids Audubon Society – IA Quad City Audubon Society - IA Soil & Water Conservation District, Henry County, Iowa – IA Cherokee Co. Iowa Pheasants Forever, Habitat Committee - IA Linn Soil & Water Conservation District – IA Raccoon River Watershed Association – IA Iowa Woodland Owners Association – IA Iowa Division of The Izaak Walton League of America of America - IA Oswald Family Farm – IA Polk County Conservation Board – IA Clayton Soil & Water Conservation District -IAGrundy County Soil & Water Conservation District – IA Conservation Districts of Iowa – IA Cherokee County Soil & Water Conservation District – IA Buchanan Soil & Water Conservation District - IA Ty Smedes Nature Photography – IA Butler County Conservation Board – IA Agren, Inc. – IA Iowa Audubon – IA Iowa Tree Farm Committee – IA Friends of the Prairie Learning Center – IA Iowa Chapter Soil & Water Conservation Society – IA Iowa Chapter of The Wildlife Society – IA Soil & Water Conservation District, Story County, Iowa – IA

Cedar River Watershed Coalition – IA Practical Farmers of Iowa – IA Iowa Wildlife Federation – IA Davenport Ikes – IA Chickasaw County Conservation Board - IA Environmental Task Force, Peoples Church -IACedar River Coalition – IA Neighborhood Network News – IA Iowa Rivers Revival – IA Howard County Women, Land & Legacy -Mitchell Soil & Water Conservation District -IAHoward Soil & Water Conservation District – IA Iowa Breast Cancer Edu-Action – IA Iowa Association of Water Agencies – IA Black Hawk County Soil & Water Conservation District – IA University of Iowa IIHR - Hydroscience and Engineering – IA Iowa Soybean Association – IA Des Moines Water Works – IA Iowa Lakes Community College Conservation Club – IA Canton Studios – IA Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation – IA Iowa Environmental Council – IA Soil & Water Conservation District, Ida County, Iowa – IA Lava Lake Institute for Science and Conservation – ID Big Creek Ranch - ID Sagebrush Steppe Regional Land Trust – ID Palouse Land Trust – ID Wood River Land Trust – ID Gary Borger Chapter of Trout Unlimited -

Chicago Zoological Society – IL

Illinois Council Trout Unlimited – IL

Illinois Environmental Council – IL

Land Conservancy of Will County – IL

Kendall County Forest Preserve District – IL

Oak Brook Chapter of Trout Unlimited – IL

DeKalb County Farmland Foundation – IL

Kewanee Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America – IL Des Plaines Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America – IL Illinois Stewardship Alliance – IL Prairie Rivers Network – IL Prairie Hills Resource Conservation and Development – IL Pullman Beekeepers – IL Natural Land Institute – IL DeKalb County Farmland Foundation – IL Prairie Land Conservancy – IL Chicago Botanic Garden – IL Alliance for the Great Lakes – IL Openlands – IL NICHES Land Trust – IN Hooiser Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society - IN Wabash Valley Audubon Society - IN Steuben County Indiana Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Save the Dunes – IN Miami County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Howard County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Parke County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Vermillion County, Indiana, Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Lincoln Hills Resource Conservation & Development - IN Spencer County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Porter County Soil & Water Conservation District – IN Fulton County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Lincoln Hills Resource Conservation and Development Area Fish and Wildlife Committee - IN Sunman-Dearborn Intermediate School – IN Northeastern Indiana Trout Association – IN

Safer Pest Control Project – IL

Fishin Buddies Inc. – IL

McHenry County Conservation District – IL

Indiana State Council of Pheasants Forever -INPorter County Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - IN North Manchester Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America – IN Michigan City #7 Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - IN Porter County Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - IN Indiana Land Protection Alliance - IN Oxbow of Indiana, Inc. - IN Griffith Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - IN DeKalb County Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. - IN Sycamore Land Trust – IN Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Wells County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Cass County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Switzerland County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Shelby County Soil and Water District – IN Upper White River Watershed Alliance – IN Vanderburgh Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Posey County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Hoosier Heartland Resource Conservation & Development Council - IN Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Brown County Soil and Water - IN Indiana Park and Recreation Association – Dearborn County Soil & Water

Conservation District – IN

District - IN

Scott County Soil & Water Conservation

Adams County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN White County Soil & Water Conservation District - IN Dearborn County Farm Bureau Inc. - IN Lake County Parks and Recreation Department - IN Indiana Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts - IN Indiana Wildlife Federation – IN Lanesville Heritage Weekend, Inc. – IN Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative – Save Maumee Grassroots Organization – IN Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism – KS Kansas Pheasants Forever – KS Kansas Quail Forever – KS Kansas Wildlife Federation – KS Geary Co. Fish & Game Assoc. – KS Kansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society – KS Kansas Land Trust - KS Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest – Kentucky Resources Council - KY Louisville/Jefferson County Environmental Trust - KY Kentucky Forest Industries Association – KY Kentucky Waterways Alliance – KY Guthrie Co. Cons. Board – LA Louisiana Forestry Association – LA Kestrel Land Trust – MA Massachusetts Forest Landowners Association – MA Neponset River Watershed Association – MA Environmental League of Massachusetts – Boxford Trails Association/Boxford Open Land Trust, Inc. – MA The Trustees of Reservations – MA Essex County Trail Assoc. – MA Hilltown Anti-Herbicide Coalition - MA Hilltown Land Trust – MA Essex County Greenbelt Association - MA

Boxford Trails Association/Boxford Open Land Trust, Inc. – MA Concord Land Conservation Trust – MA Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture – MA Sharon Friends of Conservation - MA Conservation Commission – MA Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition - MA Open Space Committee, West Newbury – Gardening The Community – MA Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust -MA Berkshire Environmental Action Team -Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions – MA Massachusetts Audubon Society - MA Littleton Conservation Trust – MA Nonotuck Land Fund – MA Sheffield Land Trust – MA Nashua River Watershed Association – MA New England Forestry Foundation – MA New England Small Farm Institute - MA Appalachian Mountain Club - MA Friends of Herring Run Parks – MD Rockville Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - MD Talbot County Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America – MD Jim Piateski Remodeling Contractor – MD Bethesda Chevy Chase Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America – MD Allegheny Highlands Conservancy – MD Lower Shore Land Trust – MD Harford County Chapter, Maryland Ornithological Society - MD Potomac Conservancy - MD Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage – MD Chesapeake Bay Foundation – MD Maine Farmland Trust - ME The Maine Council of the Atlantic Salmon Federation – ME York Land Trust - ME Atlantic Salmon Federation – ME Chippewa Watershed Conservancy – MI

Northwest Michigan Food and Farming Network – MI Michigan Land Use Institute – MI Northwest Michigan Food & Farming Network – MI Michigan Trout Unlimited - MI Lapeer Land Conservancy – MI Michigan Karst Conservancy – MI Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy - MI Cadillac Area Land Conservancy – MI Keweenaw Land Trust - MI Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy – Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition - MI Legacy Land Conservancy - MI The Leelanau Conservancy (MI) – MI Fenton Michigan Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - MI Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy – MI Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy -MIWasteWater Education – MI Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis – MN Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation -MN Minnesota Division Izaak Walton League of America - MN Audubon Minnesota – MN Minnesota Conservation Federation – MN Minnesota Land Trust – MN Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy – MN Minnehaha Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - MN W. J. McCabe Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America - MN Prairie Woods Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - MN Great Lakes Forest Alliance – MN Missouri Prairie Foundation – MO Missouri Chapter Society of American Foresters – MO Heartland Conservation Alliance - MO Midwest Forest Consultants LLC – MO Missouri Parks Association – MO

Missouri B.A.S.S. Federation Nation – MO National Committee for the New River – Greenbelt Land Trust of Mid-Missouri – NC North Dakota Natural Resources Trust – ND MO Little Blue River Watershed Coalition – MO North Dakota Natural Resources Trust – ND Missouri River Bird Observatory – MO Platte River Basin Environments, Inc – NE Forrest Keeling Nursery - MO Nebraska Sportsmen's Foundation – NE JR Fleming Forestry LLC - MO Wayne Chapter of The Izaak Walton League Missouri Forest Products Association – MO of America – NE Conservation Federation of Missouri – MO Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society -Bill McGuire Conservation, LLC – MO Missouri Coalition for the Environment – Nebraska Environmental Trust – NE Friends of Pondicherry National Wildlife MO D.A. Watson & Company – MO Refuge – NH Mudd Family Partnership - NH Shaw Nature Reserve - MO Bear-Paw Regional Greenways - NH Ozark Regional Land Trust – MO Lower Mississippi River Foundation – MS Monadnock Conservancy – NH Mississippi River Trust – MS Northern Forest Center - NH Rolling Stone Ranch - MT Ecosystem Management Consultants - NH Five Valleys Land Trust – MT The New Hampshire Institute of Agriculture Gallatin Valley Land Trust - MT and Forestry - NH Swan Ecosystem Center – MT New Jersey Highlands Coalition – NJ Montana Association of Land Trusts - MT New Jersey Conservation Foundation – NJ Delaware and Raritan Canal Coalition - NJ Flathead Land Trust – MT Bitter Root Land Trust - MT Transition Newton – NJ North Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Thonet Associates, Inc. – NJ Society – NC Garden Club of Madison - NJ No Port Southport North Carolina, Inc. – The Green Wei – NJ NC Upper Rockaway River Watershed Davidson Lands Conservancy – NC Association - NJ North Carolina Coastal Land Trust - NC Burnham Park Association - NJ Triangle Land Conservancy – NC Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association – Buncombe Agricultural Advisory Board – NJ NC Raritan Headwaters Association – NJ Buncombe Soil & Water Conservation Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space – District - NC NJ New Jersey Audubon Society - NJ Conservation Trust for North Carolina – NC Protect Our Wetlands, Water & Woods - NJ Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy - NC Saluda Community Land Trust - NC Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Historic Flat Rock, Inc. - NC Jersey – NJ Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservation Resources – NJ Conservancy - NC The Land Conservancy of New Jersey – NJ The Wildlife Society - Southeast Section -Farr Forestry Services, LLC – NJ Ute Creek Cattle Company – NM NC South Carolina Conservation Credit Williamson Cattle Company – NM Milnesand Quilters – NM Exchange – NC Northeast Pasture Consortium – NC Santa Fe Conservation Trust – NM

Bickley Farms – NM Nevada Cattlemen's Association – NV Oblong Land Conservancy – NY New York Division, Izaak Walton League of America - NY Somers Land Trust - NY Warwick Conservancy – NY Seneca Trail Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. – NY Woodstock Land Conservancy - NY Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Inc. – NY Friends of Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge - NY Farm Catskills - NY Orange County Land Trust – NY Three Village Community Trust – NY Scenic Hudson - NY Serpentine Art and Nature Commons, Inc. – Cortland New York Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - NY Catskill Mountainkeeper – NY Plattsburgh Community Garden Group, Inc. -NYColumbia Land Conservancy, Inc. – NY North Castle Land Trust - NY Agricultural Stewardship Association – NY Rensselaer Land Trust, Inc. - NY Audubon New York - NY Hudson Highlands land Trust - NY New York Agricultural Land Trust – NY Indian River Lake Conservancy – NY Empire State Forest Products Association – NY Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District - OH Clinton County Open Lands – OH Southern Ohio Farmland Preservation Association – OH Rivers Unlimited – OH Partners For Clean Streams, Inc. – OH New Agrarian Center – OH Dryfork Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America – OH Capitol City Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - OH

Tri-County Beekeepers Association Inc. – OH Buckeye All State Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - OH Blanchard River Watershed Partnership – OH First Source Biofuel LLC - OH FDC Enterprises Inc. – OH Western Reserve Land Conservancy – OH Appalachia Ohio Alliance – OH Ohio Environmental Council - OH Ohio State Beekeepers Association – OH Black Swamp Conservancy – OH Ohio River Foundation - OH Three Valley Conservation Trust – OH Land Legacy – OK Oklahoma Chapter of The Wildlife Society -OKCentral Oklahoma Quail Forever – OK Greenbelt Land Trust - OR Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts – OR Deschutes Land Trust – OR Elk River Land Trust – OR Oregon Rural Action – OR Wallowa Resources – OR Oregon Division of the Izaak Walton League of America – OR Oregon Habitat Joint Venture – OR Lake County Resources Initiative - OR Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative - OR Savory Institute, LLC – OR McKenzie River Trust - OR Oregon Tilth – OR The Central Coast Land Conservancy – OR Berkley Conservation Institute, Pure Fishing -ORFamily Farm Alliance – OR The Freshwater Trust – OR Sustainable Northwest – OR Ecotrust – OR Siuslaw Institute – OR PGH Home Sales – PA Land Conservancy of Adams County – PA

Blanchard River Watershed Partnership –

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy – PA Naturaland Trust – SC Allegheny Land Trust – PA Upstate Forever – SC Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association Hilton Pond Center for Piedmont Natural -PAHistory – SC Upper Savannah Land Trust – SC Pennsylvania State Division Izaak Walton League of America – PA Winyah Rivers Foundation – SC French Creek Valley Conservancy – PA South Dakota Grassland Coalition - SD Bedminster Regional Land Conservancy – South Dakota Wildlife Federation – SD PA Kampeska Chapter of The Izaak Walton Lebanon Valley Conservancy, Inc. – PA League of America – SD Solebury Township Land Preservation South Dakota Chapter The Wildlife Society Committee – PA -SDMontgomery County Lands Trust – PA Mississippi River Corridor - Tennessee -Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance of the TN Linn Conservancy – PA Tennessee Forestry Association – TN Chestnut Hill Historical Society – PA Mossy Creek Network – TN Lackawanna County Farmland Preservation Tennessee Clean Water Network – TN -PAThe Land Trust for Tennessee – TN Lancaster Farmland Trust – PA Galveston Bay Foundation – TX Natural Lands Trust – PA Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society – TX Hill Country Land Trust – TX Pennsylvania Land Trust Association – PA Elk Creeks Watershed Association – PA Houston Wilderness – TX Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds – Katy Prairie Conservancy – TX The Frontera Land Alliance – TX PA Pennsylvania Council of Churches – PA Pines and Prairies Land Trust – TX The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester Texas Agricultural Land Trust – TX County - PA Texas Land Trust Council – TX Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York Bar J Ranches - UT Bridgerland Audubon Society - UT County - PAIndian Creek Cattle Co. - UT The Conservancy of Montgomery County – Virgin River Land Preservation Association PA Lake Erie Region Conservancy – PA -UTDelaware Highlands Conservancy – PA Bear River Land Conservancy – UT South Kingstown Land Trust – RI **Utah Open Lands Conservation Association** Aguidneck Land Trust – RI -UTFarm Fresh Rhode Island - RI Ensign Ranches of Utah – UT Selman Ranches - UT Grow Smart Rhode Island – RI Float Fishermen of Virginia – VA Narrow River Land Trust – RI Friends of the Rivers of Virginia – VA Burrillville Land Trust – RI Piedmont Environmental Council - VA GrowFood Carolina – SC South Carolina Coastal Conservation Old Dominion Land Coservancy – VA New River Land Trust – VA League - SC ArborOne Farm Credit – SC Rappahannock County Conservation South Carolina Coastal Conservation Alliance – VA League – SC Virginia Association for Biological Farming Conservation Voters of South Carolina – SC -VA

Virginia Division pf the Izaak Walton League of America – VA Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society – VA Roanoke Valley Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America – VA Goose Creek Association – VA Fred-Rapp Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America – VA Winchester Chapter of The Izaak Walton League – VA Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts – VA Land Trust of Virginia - VA Citizens for a Fort Monroe National Park – Virginia Native Plant Society – VA Shenandoah Valley Network – VA Middle Peninsula Land Trust – VA Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust – VA Rockbridge Area Conservation Council -VA Valley Conservation Council – VA Virginia Forestry Association – VA Southern Environmental Law Center – VA Vermont Land Trust - VT Greensboro Land Trust – VT Mt. Adams Resource Stewards – WA Okanogan Conservation District – WA Northwest Watershed Institute – WA Chelan-Douglas Land Trust – WA Lummi Island Heritage Trust – WA Vashon Maury Island Land Trust – WA Jefferson Land Trust – WA Whidbey Camano Land Trust – WA San Juan County Land Bank – WA Northwest Natural Resource Group - WA Inland Northwest Land Trust – WA Columbia Land Trust – WA Wisconsin Division of the Izaak Walton League of America – WI Brown County Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - WI Tall Pines Conservancy – WI Muskego Lakes Conservancy - WI Caledonia Conservancy – WI

Natural Heritage Land Trust – WI Driftless Area Land Conservancy – WI A. D. Sutherland Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America - WI Wisconsin Audubon Council – WI Madison Audubon Society – WI River Alliance of Wisconsin – WI Niagara Escarpment Resource Network – Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership – WI Glacial Lakes Conservancy – WI Baraboo Range Preservation Association – WI Ozaukee Washington Land Trust – WI Gathering Waters Conservancy – WI Happy Tonics, Inc. – WI West Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League – WV West Virginia Agricultural Land Protection Authority – WV Wild Sheep Foundation – WY