

Growing Climate Solutions Act Supporters

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National Corn Growers Association

American Soybean Association

American Farmland Trust

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National Milk Producers Federation

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Michigan Chapter – The Nature Conservancy
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Quotes from Supporters:

Zippy Duvall, President, American Farm Bureau: “America’s farmers and ranchers have made tremendous strides in reducing our carbon footprint, with overall greenhouse gas emissions under 10 percent for our industry. As we endeavor to do more with less, we are always focused on doing better and working together to protect the natural resources we all enjoy. We are grateful to Senators Braun and Stabenow for consulting us on their efforts to bring clarity and validity to a voluntary, market-based carbon-credit system and provide a USDA-led review to inspire confidence as we enter the new carbon marketplace.”

Rob Larew, President, National Farmers Union: “American family farmers and ranchers are ready to help mitigate the challenges caused by climate change, but meaningful and sustainable changes are not inexpensive or easy to implement. Carbon credit exchanges can provide farmers with a market-based system to finance those improvements. NFU is pleased to see this bipartisan effort to provide certainty to farmers looking to participate in the private sector’s growing efforts to create carbon credit marketplaces.”

Kevin Ross, President, National Corn Growers Association: “Corn farmers have been leaders in adopting farming practices to improve the quality of soil, water, and air around our farms and are pleased to endorse the Growing Climate Solutions Act. This bipartisan effort recognizes agriculture’s role in mitigating the impact of climate change and promotes voluntary, agriculture-friendly ideas into the climate discussion. NCGA thanks the Senators for their leadership and looks forward to working together to implement policy that benefits both the environment and farmers’ bottom line.”

Dr. Barb Glenn, CEO, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture: “NASDA has advocated for policy that both increases our climate resiliency and supports farmers’ adoption of new on-farm practices. This new measure will initiate critical research on what a practical carbon market could look like for agriculture. We’re grateful for Senator Stabenow and Braun’s leadership to help make new opportunities available to farmers across the country. The bipartisan effort to address an emerging area of climate policy is a welcomed first step.”

Jim Mulhern, President & CEO, National Milk Producers Federation: “We commend Ranking Member Stabenow and Senator Braun for their bipartisan work to facilitate greater farmer participation in environmental markets. Dairy farmers are environmental stewards who value proactive approaches to sustainability, and this legislation will provide a welcome boost to their efforts. We look forward to working with Senators Stabenow and Braun to advance this bill in Congress.”

Chris Adamo, Vice President of Federal and Industry Affairs, Danone North America: “As the agriculture and food industry explores new ways to bring value to farmers and consumers, we welcome this bipartisan bill which outlines important roles for the government to work with producers and the private sector to help build agriculture-based carbon markets. As a food company, we believe we have a role to play to assist farms in co-creating new innovations to positively impact society. We thank Senators Braun and Stabenow and hope that this is the first of many conversations on how we can build solutions for climate change.”

Elizabeth Gore, Senior Vice President, Political Affairs, Environmental Defense Fund: “Farmers are vital partners in stabilizing the climate and increasing resilience to the impacts we can’t avoid. The Growing Climate Solutions Act makes it easier for farmers to pull up a seat at the table and be part of the climate solution. It enables new revenue streams that pay farmers for adopting climate-friendly practices. Those changes will help drive the U.S. toward a 100% clean economy and help ensure farms and rural communities thrive in a changing climate.”

Pipa Elias, Director of North America Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy: “Farmers, ranchers and forest landowners have the potential to be a key part of the climate change solution, while ensuring their businesses are profitable and viable for future generations. This bill will help ensure that US producers are rewarded for managing their land to store carbon, reduce emissions and create resilience to extreme weather such as floods and drought. We appreciate the leadership of Senators Braun, Stabenow, Whitehouse, and Graham on this important issue.”

Heather Reams, Executive Director, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions: “I commend the bipartisan leadership of Senators Braun (R-IN), Graham (R-SC), Stabenow (D-MI), and Whitehouse (D-RI) for developing this much-needed, practical, and bipartisan legislation. Just like many other sectors, the agricultural community has been decimated by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, as we seek to move the economy from the rescue to recovery

phase, we know that we must redouble our efforts in dealing with our climate challenges. This bill empowers farmers to help solve the climate change problem. The introduction of the *Growing Climate Solutions Act of 2020* could not come at a better time. If enacted, it would provide not only additional revenue streams to our struggling agriculture sector by sequestering greenhouse gases in soil, but also would be a model framework of thoughtful, limited government policy for other industries. I urge Congress to pass this critical piece of legislation.”

Aviva Glaser, Director of Agriculture Policy, National Wildlife Federation:

“America’s farmers have a crucial role to play in addressing our changing climate and adopting field-level practices that naturally sequester carbon. This bipartisan bill will help agricultural producers participate in voluntary carbon markets. Thank you to Senators Braun, Stabenow, and Whitehouse for the continued leadership in finding solutions that not only act on climate, but also work for farmers, ranchers, and forest owners alike.”

David Yarnold, President and CEO, National Audubon Society: “Farmers, ranchers and foresters are too often unsung heroes in the fight against climate change, and this bill is a first step in giving them the resources they need to maintain their lands in a way that supports common sense conservation. This bill will help to create a cleaner future for both people and birds, while also helping rural economies recover from the COVID-19 crisis.”

Debbie Reed, Executive Director, Ecosystem Services Market Consortium:

"We are excited to see this legislation introduced. Ecosystem service markets suffer from a lack of appropriately trained technical assistance and certification professionals with agricultural experience. This bill would help to rectify that problem."

Dave Tenny, President and CEO, National Alliance of Forest Owners:

“We applaud Senators Braun, Stabenow, Graham, and Whitehouse for their bipartisan leadership in recognizing the role of working forests as a natural climate solution. Working forests are the most powerful clean-air technology on earth, and full access to carbon credit markets for forest owners and the hundreds of millions of acres they manage is essential to achieving real climate benefits at scale. We look forward to working with the Senators on this and future legislation supporting healthy markets, working forests, and forests products as essential and interdependent parts of an overall climate solution.”

Chuck Lippstreu, President, Michigan Agri-Business Association: “This bipartisan proposal shines a spotlight on agricultural climate solutions that can also provide economic opportunity for farmers, businesses and rural communities. Michigan agriculture brings the cutting-edge technology and entrepreneurial spirit needed to help address climate change, and the bipartisan Growing Climate Solutions Act will help open doors to reward innovation happening every day on farms across our state. We appreciate Senator Stabenow for underscoring the importance of climate solutions that start with farmers and agribusinesses, while helping unlock new economic opportunity for agriculture.”

Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D., President, Michigan State University: “Michigan State University is deeply engaged in mitigating climate change through agricultural and energy research, support for farmers and foresters working to improve their environmental practices and our own campus sustainability efforts. This measure could help more Michigan producers enter the carbon offset market, improving the environment while offering them a new source of income.”

Ken Nobis, Senior Policy Advisor, Michigan Milk Producers Association: “The Michigan Milk Producers Association appreciates the bipartisan efforts of Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow and Indiana Senator Mike Braun on legislation that would streamline and simplify the use of carbon credits for dairy farmers. Dairy farmers utilize many conservation practices related to sequestering carbon in the soil. The proposed legislation would facilitate interaction with private entities looking for offsets to their carbon footprint. Dairy farmers look forward to being rewarded for their conservation efforts and continuing to play a role in environmental stewardship.”