

January 31, 2018

Dear Senator:

The undersigned organizations and agri-business companies, which represent the diverse food and agricultural sector, urge prompt confirmation of the pending nominees for positions within the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR): Mr. Gregg Doud as Chief Agricultural Negotiator, the Honorable Dennis Shea, as Deputy USTR (Geneva) and Mr. C. J. Mahoney, as Deputy USTR (Investment, Services, Labor, Environment, Africa, China, and the Western Hemisphere).

Thanks to robust trade policies and our industry's efficient and innovative nature, U.S. food and agricultural exports have produced a trade surplus for nearly fifty years. Consistent growth over this period has resulted in over \$152 billion worth of exports, creating over \$193 billion in additional U.S. economic activity in 2016. These growing exports are vital to the U.S. economy, supporting more than 43 million jobs from coast-to-coast.

Today, the trade agenda is full. From modernizing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA) to engaging at the World Trade Organization (WTO), having strong performers in all of the key trade positions is critical to advancing America's economic interests.

Please confirm Messrs. Doud, Shea and Mahoney as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

American Cotton Shippers Association	CoBank ACB
American Farm Bureau Federation	Comark Equity Alliance, LLC
American Feed Industry Association	Corn Refiners Association
American Peanut Product Manufacturers, Inc.	CropLife America
American Seed Trade Association	Crossroads Cooperative Association
American Soybean Association	D. E. Bondurant Grain Co. Inc.
Animal Health Institute	Distilled Spirits Council of the United States
Archer Daniels Midland Company	The Fertilizer Institute
Attebury Grain	Global Cold Chain Alliance (GCCA)
Blue Diamond Growers	Grain and Feed Association of Illinois
Bondurant Crop Service	Grocery Manufacturers Association
California Grain and Feed Association	HighLine Grain Growers, Inc.
Campbell Soup Company	Hormel Foods
CHS Inc.	International Dairy Foods Association

Louis Dreyfus Company, North America
Maginnis Associates, LLC
Mead Johnson Nutrition
Meat Import Council of America
Michigan Agri-Business Association
Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Inc.
Minnesota Grain and Feed Association
National Association of Egg Farmers
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Chicken Council
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Grain and Feed Association
National Milk Producers Federation
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Potato Council
National Renderers Association
National Sorghum Producers
National Turkey Federation
North American Export Grain Association
North American Millers' Association
Northwest Horticultural Council
Ohio AgriBusiness Association
Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association
Panhandle Peanut Growers Association
Pet Food Institute
Philip Morris International
Smithfield Foods
SNAC International
Southwest Council of Agribusiness
Stratford Grain Co.
Sweetener Users Association
Team Marketing Alliance
Texas Grain and Feed Association
United Dairymen of Arizona
United Fresh Produce Association
U.S. Apple Association
U.S. Dairy Export Council
U.S. Dry Bean Council
U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association
U.S. Meat Export Federation
USA Poultry and Egg Export Council
USA Rice
Western Peanut Growers Association
WineAmerica
Wisconsin Agri-Business Association
World Perspectives, Inc.