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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Dicks:

The undersigned organizations, representing U.S. agriculture producers and industry, would like to express concern with H.R. 1, the Continuing Resolution (CR) for FY-2011. While we applaud the bill's efforts to decrease discretionary spending, we are concerned that agriculture is being required to absorb a disproportionate amount of the discretionary cuts.

H.R. 1 would cut \$5.21 billion, or 22.4 percent, from agriculture-related programs and operating budgets during the remaining seven months of FY-2011. This is more than double the 10.3 percent cut proposed in overall non-defense discretionary spending.

Given the importance that agriculture plays in America's food security and economic recovery, it is unclear how such disproportionate cuts are warranted or wise. We strongly encourage Congress to reconsider the balance of funding cuts for the remainder of FY-2011.

Sincerely,

American Association of Crop Insurers
American Beekeeping Federation
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Sheep Industry Association
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau
Farm Credit Council
Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Farmers Union
National Milk Producers Federation

National Renderers Association
National Sorghum Producers
National Sunflower Association
Northeast States Association for
Agricultural Stewardship
South East Dairy Farmers Association
Southern Peanut Farmers Federation
United Dairymen of Arizona
United Egg Producers
US Canola Association
US Dry Bean Council
US Rice Producers Association
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council
USA Rice Federation
Western Peanut Growers Association
Western United Dairymen

CC: Members, House of Representatives