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June 26, 2018

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte:

On behalf of America's dairy farmers and their cooperatives, we want to thank you for your efforts to address one of the most vexing problems facing our industry: how to create a viable, legal framework to address the year-round labor needs of the dairy industry. We have enjoyed working with your staff and are appreciative of your efforts to meet the workforce needs of our dairy producers.

We are writing today in support of the agriculture guestworker provisions of the Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018 (H.R. 6136), as modified in recent negotiations. Importantly, we thank you for honoring our request to lengthen the terms of subsequent agriculture guestworker visas to three years.

As you know, dairy farmers do not currently have access to the H2A visa program, underscoring the urgent need for action to address our workforce challenges. We believe that these provisions represent a positive step forward to help dairy farmers access a reliable and steady labor force. Accordingly, we urge members to vote in favor of H.R. 6136 on the House floor this week.

Thank you again, and we look forward to continued collaboration, because we cannot wait any longer for action.

Sincerely,

Jim Mulhern
President & CEO