

May 15, 2017

To All Senators
Senate Committee on Homeland Security
And Governmental Affairs
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Senator :

The undersigned organizations, representing the breadth of U.S. agriculture, strongly support S. 951, the Regulatory Accountability Act introduced by Senators Portman and Heitkamp. We urge you to vote in favor of this measure when it is brought before the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee in the near future.

Last year, our organizations jointly released a white paper outlining the critical need of regulatory reform for agricultural producers. We focused on the bipartisan principles that have been enunciated by Presidents of both parties – transparency, robust stakeholder engagement, sound science, cost-benefit analysis and federalism. Our paper can be found at http://www.fb.org/files/AFBF_White_Paper_on_Regulatory_Reform.pdf.

S. 951 is founded on these principles and we commend Senators Portman and Heitkamp for their efforts to find bipartisan agreement. We urge all members of the committee to in favor of this legislation when it is brought up for consideration.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
AmericanHort
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
American Sugar Cane League
California Specialty Crops Council
Dairy Producers of New Mexico
Exotic Wildlife Association
Federal Forest Resource Coalition
The Fertilizer Institute
Idaho Dairymen's Association
Michigan Agri-business Association
Missouri Agri-business Association
Missouri Dairy Association
National Agricultural Aviation Association
National All-Jersey

National Aquaculture Association
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Agricultural Employers
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Grain and Feed Association
National Peach Council
National Pork Producers' Council
National Potato Council
Society of American Florists
South East Dairy Farmers Association
United Fresh Produce Association
Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc.
US Apple Association
USARice
Western United Dairymen