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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Chairwoman
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The Honorable Pat Roberts
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Agriculture,
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Dear Chairwoman Stabenow and Ranking Member Roberts:

Congratulations on your recent selection as Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. As you begin the process of structuring hearings on farm bill reauthorization, I ask that you schedule one of them in Nebraska. As you know, Nebraska's farmers and ranchers produce a significant amount of the nation's major agricultural commodities, including corn, soybeans, wheat, beef, and pork, as well as other grains and livestock. Nebraska ranks second nationally in ethanol production, with 24 plants producing almost two billion gallons of ethanol each year. In addition, we have many small, rural businesses that provide jobs and opportunities for our residents. Bringing this policy debate to the Heartland of America would provide important insight and informed discussion.

I hope you will seriously consider the important voice Nebraska has to lend to the process of developing a new farm bill. Additionally, Nebraska offers a central location, where agriculture producers from several states can easily travel to discuss this important legislation that will so closely affect their industries. I would be happy to provide any further information or assistance that might be helpful in this regard.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



Mike Johanns
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