

INSERT TRIBAL LETTER HEAD

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Native Farm Bill Coalition
Executive Director
Intertribal Agriculture Council

Keith Anderson
Co-Chair
Native Farm Bill Coalition
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Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

Re: Joining the Native Farm Bill Coalition

Dear Native Farm Bill Coalition Co-Chairs Racine and Anderson:

On behalf of the **(Insert governing body)** of the **(name of Tribe or Tribal Organization)** (“Tribe”), please consider this letter our formal effort to join the Native Farm Bill Coalition (“NFBC” or “Coalition”) and support the “Regaining Our Future” report and policy initiatives generated therefrom.

The Farm Bill impacts tribal communities in a number of ways. From supporting the agricultural industry to the development of rural infrastructure where costs are often prohibitively high, generating employment opportunities, and supporting nutrition programs. In fact, the largest economic development industry in Indian Country is tied to agriculture production, generating roughly \$3.4 billion per year. The policies that promote this economic development constitute a large portion of the Farm Bill.

As Congress deliberates the nature of agriculture policy for the nation in the form of the 2018 Farm Bill, it is important that Indian Country effectively advocates for the enactment of targeted legislation that ensures federal agriculture policy enhances the development of industries that benefit Indian Country.

Furthermore, the **(insert name of tribe)** requests our Congressional Delegation lend their support in ensuring we achieve effective deliberation and swift passage of the priorities set out by the Coalition.

Sincerely,