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The Honorable John Boozman
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Nutrition, and Forestry
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
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Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

On behalf of the Biological Products Industry Alliance (BPIA), thank you for your leadership in developing the Agricultural Act of 2026 and for convening this week's Senate Agriculture Committee markup.

Representing more than 180 member companies, BPIA is the leading trade association in North America dedicated to advancing biological solutions for agriculture, including biopesticides, biostimulants, biofertilizers, and other innovative biological technologies. Our diverse membership includes manufacturers, technology developers, distributors, researchers, consultants, and regulatory experts committed to providing growers with safe, effective, science-based tools that improve agricultural productivity, strengthen environmental stewardship, and enhance the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture.

BPIA appreciates the Committee's commitment to advancing a comprehensive Farm Bill that promotes agricultural innovation and equips producers with the tools needed to meet today's production challenges. We respectfully urge the Committee to favorably report the Agricultural Act of 2026 and continue working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to enact a bipartisan Farm Bill that provides certainty for producers, strengthens rural communities, and supports continued investment in agricultural innovation.

The Chairman's markup includes several important provisions that will modernize federal agricultural policy, improve regulatory coordination, and strengthen USDA's leadership in advancing biological innovation. We are particularly supportive of the following provisions

Plant Biostimulant Act Provisions

BPIA greatly appreciates the Committee's inclusion of the Plant Biostimulant Act provisions in the Chairman's markup. By establishing a clear federal statutory definition for plant biostimulants, the legislation provides long-needed regulatory certainty, clarifies the treatment of qualifying plant biostimulants under federal law, and promotes greater consistency across federal and state regulatory programs.

These provisions will help accelerate innovation, encourage continued private-sector investment, facilitate commercialization, and increase grower confidence in biological technologies. A clear and consistent federal definition is essential to ensuring producers have access to innovative tools that improve nutrient use efficiency, crop productivity, soil health, and overall agricultural resilience.

Conservation Practice Standards and Innovative Technologies

BPIA supports the provisions directing USDA to prioritize the integration of innovative technologies into conservation practice standards. By recognizing biological sources of fertilizer, nutrient use efficiency technologies, and other tools that reduce nutrient loss, the legislation reflects the growing role biological products play in helping producers improve nutrient management, enhance soil health, strengthen conservation outcomes, and increase on-farm resilience.

As biological technologies continue to evolve, ensuring that conservation practice standards evolve alongside scientific advancements will provide producers with greater access to innovative solutions while supporting USDA's long-term conservation objectives.

USDA–EPA Coordination on Pesticide Policy

BPIA strongly supports the provisions strengthening coordination between USDA and the EPA on pesticide policy and implementation. By reinforcing the role of the FIFRA Interagency Working Group, enhancing interagency consultation, and improving coordination on pesticide risk mitigation, economic analyses, and Endangered Species Act implementation, the legislation promotes more informed, transparent, and science-based regulatory decision-making.

USDA's expertise in agricultural production, crop management, and producer needs is essential to the development of practical and effective pesticide policy. Strengthening collaboration between USDA and EPA will help ensure that regulatory decisions appropriately consider available technologies, including biological products, while maintaining strong environmental and public health protections.

Office of Biotechnology Policy

BPIA also supports the establishment of the Office of Biotechnology Policy within USDA. As biotechnology and biological innovation continue to advance, a centralized office dedicated to coordinating biotechnology policy across the Department will improve consistency, strengthen collaboration among USDA agencies, and enhance coordination with other federal partners.

This provision positions USDA to better support research, innovation, commercialization, and the responsible deployment of emerging agricultural technologies that will help producers meet future food, fiber, and sustainability demands.

Office of Pest Management Policy

Finally, BPIA supports the continued authorization of the Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP). OPMP plays an important role in ensuring USDA's agricultural expertise informs federal pesticide policy while serving as a critical liaison among growers, researchers, federal agencies, and other stakeholders.

Continued support for OPMP will strengthen USDA's ability to promote science-based policy, integrated pest management, and the continued development and adoption of innovative crop protection technologies that expand the tools available to American producers.

Thank you again for your leadership and commitment to advancing a modern Farm Bill that supports agricultural innovation, producer choice, and the continued competitiveness of American agriculture. BPIA appreciates the Committee's thoughtful consideration of these important provisions and respectfully urges favorable reporting of the Agricultural Act of 2026. We look forward to continuing to work with the Committee and Congress as the legislation advances toward enactment of a bipartisan Farm Bill, and we stand ready to serve as a resource on issues affecting agricultural biological products.

Sincerely,



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CC: Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry