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Dear Senator:

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As the Senate takes up the reauthorization of the farm bill, we urge you to vote for reform amendments that will reduce the trade-distorting nature of our current subsidy regime and ensure that our country's trade and farm policies do not undercut our foreign policy goals. Helping farmers and entrepreneurs in poor countries to gain a stake in the global trading system is squarely in our long-term national interest and is a matter of global equity. Reforming U.S. commodity programs will also bring us into compliance with our World Trade Organization commitments and support further market opening for U.S. goods – including U.S. agricultural exports – and services.

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During floor consideration, we urge you to support the following amendments, which will maintain critical support for U.S. farmers while scaling back the largest payments to the wealthiest producers, and at the same time level the playing field for farmers in the developing world.

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- Lugar/Lautenberg: FRESH amendment to reform commodity programs to provide for revenue-based, rather than price-based, support for *all* crops rather than just a few
- Dorgan/Grassley: To strengthen payment limitations
- Klobuchar: To reduce adjusted gross income limits to \$750,000

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With commodity prices high, now is the time to modernize our farm policies to reflect the global realities of the 21st century.

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Sincerely,

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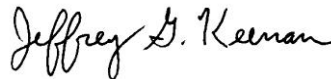
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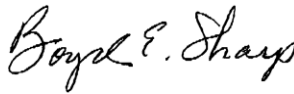
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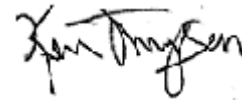
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