

April 22, 2015

The Honorable Pat Roberts, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Nutrition and Forestry  
Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Conaway, Chairman  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Nutrition and Forestry  
Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Collin Peterson  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Roberts, Ranking Member Stabenow, Chairman Conaway and Ranking Member Peterson:

The undersigned organizations support the passage of H. Con. Res. 30 and S. Con. Res. 10 that recognize the importance of soil health and locally led conservation using voluntary incentive-based farm bill conservation programs. The resolutions specifically support the designation of 2015 as the International Year of Soils and note 2015 as the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Soil Conservation Act on April 27, 1935. Additionally, the resolutions encourage public participation in activities celebrating the importance of soils to the United States and support soil conservation through partnerships with local soil and water conservation districts and landowner participation in farm bill conservation programs.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association  
American Association of Crop Insurers  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Farmland Trust  
American Seed Trade Association  
American Society of Agronomy  
American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers  
American Soybean Association  
Crop Science Society of America  
Land Improvement Contractors of America  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
National Association of State Conservation Agencies  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Conservation District Employees Association

National Corn Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Farmers Union  
National Watershed Coalition  
National Wildlife Federation  
Pollinator Partnership  
Society for Range Management  
Soil and Water Conservation Society  
Soil Science Society of America  
The Fertilizer Institute  
The Nature Conservancy  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
USA Rice Federation