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### **Statement of Support for a Full and Fair Farm Bill**

We, the undersigned, worked diligently and in good faith with the Senate and House Agriculture Committees to complete the 2012 Farm Bill in regular order. When that did not occur, the Committees jointly developed a plan for a one-year extension that, while flawed, had many merits. Like the Agriculture Committee leaders and members, we were shocked to learn that this agreement had been replaced by a biased extension that also disappointed the farmers, fishers, ranchers, Tribal Nations, farmworkers, and rural and urban communities we represent.

Direct payments were continued at the full 2008 levels – despite agreements to reduce them – while disaster response support for producers who have suffered up to three years of extreme drought and heat was eliminated.

In the 2002 and 2008 Farm Bills, Congress gradually adopted a set of programs to build the foundation for a new food system. This emerging food system, a small but growing portion of overall US Farm and Food Policy, has the potential to enhance equity for our nation’s diverse producers and farmworkers, secure a future in agriculture for new entry farmers and rural, urban and tribal communities, and provide fresh, local food for all consumers.

The Agriculture Committees’ December 31 agreement continued 2013 support for these critical programs, which ranged from Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers to Beginning Farmer Development, Rural Development, Specialty Crop, Organic and Urban Agriculture, and others, including a deep surprise cut in the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance) education program. All of this funding was zeroed out as the Farm Bill extension was attached to the fiscal cliff bill that has now become law.

We thank the Agriculture Committee leadership and members for their efforts to achieve balance. Beginning immediately, we pledge to work with the incoming Agriculture Committees to complete a full and fair Farm Bill that mitigates disasters, protects natural resources, provides equity and inclusion, constructs a new and economically viable future for agriculture and rural communities, and assures healthy food for all consumers.

21st Century Youth Leadership Movement  
4th Street Farms  
Agricultural Missions  
AgriForaging  
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas  
America The Beautiful Fund

Eutaw AL  
Columbus OH  
New York NY  
Margaretville NY  
Oxnard, CA  
Washington DC

American Federation of Government Employees Local 3354	St. Louis	MO
American Friends Service Committee	Anthony	NM
American Indian Mothers Inc.	Shannon	NC
American Sustainable Business Council	Washington	DC
Arkansas Land and Farm Development Corporation	Brinkley	AR
Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake Counties Farmers Union	Windsor	OH
Atrium Healthy Homes	Worcester	MA
Black Family Land Trust, Inc	Durham	NC
Blue Sky Produce	Phillips	ME
Brooklyn Food Coalition	Brooklyn	NY
Coalition of Agricultural Mediation Programs	Las Cruces	NM
Campeños Sin Fronteras	Somerton	AZ
Cedarville Band of the Piscataway Indians, Inc.	Waldorf	MD
Center for Social Sustainable Systems	Albuquerque	NM
Charles Melvin Creecy (CMC) Cooperatives	Ahoskie	NC
Claudia de Leon	Silver Spring	MD
Colo Hispanic Ranchers	Antonito	CO
Community Alliance for Global Justice	Seattle	WA
Community Food and Justice Coalition	Oakland	CA
Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture	South Deerfield	MA
Cultivating Community	Portland	ME
Dakota Rural Action	Brookings	SD
Damascus Citizens for Sustainability	Milanville	PA
Down to Earth Markets	Ossining	NY
Dumbarton United Methodist Church	Washington	DC
Eat City Heights	San Diego	CA
ECO City Farms	Riverdale	MD
Enright Ridge Urban Ecovillage	Cincinnati	OH
Fair World Project	Portland	OR
Farmers on the Move	Battle Creek	MI
Farm to Table Food Services	Oakland	CA
Farmworker Association of Florida, Inc.	Apopka	FL
Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund	Epes	AL
Fernandez Ranch	Centerville	WA
Florida Certified Organic Growers & Consumers, Inc	Gainesville	FL
Food & Water Watch	Washington	DC
Food Democracy Now!	Clear Lake	IA
Food Field	Detroit	MI
Gardens of Hope	Tiptonville	TN
GoingGreenie	Ridgefield	CT
Good Eaters	San Diego	CA
Grassroots International	Boston	MA
Growing Hope	Ypsilanti	MI
Healthy Farms Healthy People Coalition	Washington	DC
Hmong National Development, Inc.	Washington	DC
Hoosac Harvest	N Adams	MA
Hungry Hollow Co-op	Chestnut Ridge	NY
Indian Nations Conservation Alliance	Twin Bridges	MT
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy	Minneapolis	MN
Institute for Community Engagement	Las Cruces	NM

Intertribal Agriculture Council	Billings	MT
Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future	Baltimore	MD
Karuna Wolf Farm	Staatsburg	NY
Kikandwa Environmental Association	Kampala	Mityan
La Semilla Food Center	Anthony	NM
Land For Good	Keene	NH
Land Stewardship Project	Minneapolis	MN
Live Real	Oakland	CA
Local Matters	Columbus	OH
Local to Global Advocates for Justice	Kansas City	KS
Los Jardines Institute	Albuquerque	NM
Lower Shore Land Trust	Berlin	MD
Myrtle Avenue Revitalization Project	Brooklyn	NY
Michael Fields Agricultural Institute	East Troy	WI
Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service	Spring Valley	WI
Millett & Associates	Chicago	IL
Missouri Rural Crisis Center	Columbia	MO
Mountain View Farm	Margaretville	NY
National Family Farm Coalition	Washington	DC
National Hmong American Farmers, Inc	Fresno	CA
National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Association	Washington	DC
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition	Washington	DC
National Women in Agriculture Association	Oklahoma City	OK
National Young Farmers Coalition	Tivoli	NY
Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society	Ceresco	NE
New Entry Sustainable Farming Project	Lowell	MA
New Orleans Food & Farm Network	New Orleans	LA
New Roots for Refugees	Kansas City	KS
National Immigrant Farming Initiative	El Paso	TX
North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers Land Loss Prevention Project, Inc	Durham	NC
Northeast Organic Dairy producers Alliance	Deerfield	MA
Northeast Pasture Consortium	Greensboro	NC
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	New Paltz	NY
Northern New Mexico Stockman's Association	Taos	NM
Northwest Farm Bill Action Group	Seattle	WA
Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association	Columbus	OH
Ohio Family Farm Organization	Ft. Jennings	OH
Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project, Inc.	Oklahoma City	OK
Operation Spring Plant	Oxford	NC
Oregon Tilth	Corvallis	OR
Organic Consumers Association	Finland	MN
Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas	Oxnard	CA
Planting Justice	Oakland	CA
Prairie Drifter Farm	Litchfield	MN
Project SOY	Inglewood	CA
Rio Grande Community Development Corporation	Albuquerque	NM
Rooted In Community	Berkeley	CA
Rural Advancement Fund	Orangeburg	SC
Rural Coalition/Coalición Rural	Washington	DC
Rural Development Leadership Network	New York	NY

School Food FOCUS National Office	New York	NY
SEED Committee Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield	Holyoke	MA
Seeds of Solidarity	Orange	MA
Shoreline Study Center	Encinitas	CA
Simple Gifts Farm	Amherst	MA
Slow Food West Michigan	Belmont	MI
South Valley Regional Association of Acequias	Albuquerque	NM
Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	Fayetteville	AR
Spring Creek Farm	Baldwin City	KS
Springfield Community Garden Family Fit Center	Springfield	IL
Ted Chapman Landscape Design	Newton	MA
Texas Mexico Border Coalition CBO	San Isidro	TX
The Alliance Community Garden	Houston	TX
The Alliance For Multicultural Community Services	Houston	TX
The Center for Social Inclusion	New York	NY
Tilth Producers of Washington	Seattle	WA
Town of Atrisco Grant Merced	Atrisco	NM
Transition Westfield	Westfield	MA
Twins River Cooperative	Ahoskie	NC
United Farmers USA	Manning	SC
United with Migrants, Inc.	Westminster	CL
Urban & Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College	Los Angeles	CA
Urban Gleaners	Portland	OR
Valley Green Feast	Holyoke	MA
Virginia Association for Biological Farming	Lexington	VA
WhyHunger	New York	NY
Winston County Self Help Cooperative	Louisville	MS
World Farmers Inc	Lancaster	MA
Yellow Brick Farm	Louisburg	KS