

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 80th 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