

FARM BILL ENERGY TITLE SUPPORT LETTER

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Dear Agriculture Committee Leaders:

We respectfully urge you to reauthorize and maintain stable mandatory funding for energy title programs in the next farm bill reauthorization. It is essential that a healthy, robust bipartisan energy title continue as part of new comprehensive agriculture legislation. We also strongly recommend common sense improvements to make these programs even more valuable in impacting a broader array of technologies.

For more than 15 years, the farm bill energy title programs have greatly assisted rural America in developing clean, renewable energy, biobased products, and making energy efficiency investments. Federal leadership has paid off. Rural economic development, jobs, manufacturing, and environmental quality have all seen quantifiable and substantial gains.

All of this happened with an incredibly modest, cost-effective investment. Energy title programs account for less than one tenth of 1 percent of farm bill spending and yet provide outsized benefits. For example more than 17,000 projects and counting have been cost-shared across the United States -- in every state -- with more than \$5 billion leveraged since inception. Public/private investments through farm energy and bioeconomy programs are generating innovation and growth opportunities at a time rural America sorely needs it.

Energy title programs provide the means for ag-based entrepreneurs to launch initiatives to generate jobs and economic development – from wind, geothermal, hydro and solar power, to

biogas and advanced biofuels, to biopower, biobased products, renewable chemicals, and energy efficiency. The energy title has enabled our farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses to become more self-sufficient, and bring high-value products to market not only here in the United States, but around the world.

For America's farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses to continue to be leaders in the development and the advancement of the clean energy economy, it is critical the next farm bill reauthorizes programs such as the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program; the Biopreferred program; the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP); the Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI); the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP); and Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels, again with stable mandatory funding.

The programs, already a success, can be improved even further, unleashing greater benefits. For example the Biorefinery Assistance Program should be opened fully to standalone renewable chemical companies to participate. REAP can be enhanced to support a fuller range of important, proven, market-ready technologies. And BCAP can be effective in continuing to support biomass energy development and sustainably address hazardous fuels reduction efforts in our nation's forests.

Given pressing needs in rural America and the promise of the farm bill energy title, we urge you to support a robust suite of programs with strong mandatory funding in the upcoming Farm Bill. We look forward to working with you and your staff on these programs and opportunities to strengthen them as you continue to work on this pivotal legislation.

Thank you for your continued leadership on these and other issues that are so important to your respective states and rural communities across the country.

Sincerely,

Associations and Organizations

Agriculture Energy Coalition

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Advanced Biofuels USA

Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)

Aireg - Aviation Initiative for Renewable Energy in Germany

Algae Biomass Organization

American Biogas Council

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