

## **FARM BILL ENERGY TITLE SUPPORT LETTER**

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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
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Dear Agriculture Committee Leaders and conferees:

As you begin the conference on the new farm bill we urge you to reauthorize and maintain full mandatory funding for energy title programs. Continuing a healthy, robust bipartisan energy title is essential to new comprehensive agriculture legislation. We strongly support the Senate's energy title, as passed, and ask that it be adopted, in a final bill.

Farm bill energy title programs bring significant investment and opportunity to rural America, providing producers with new revenue sources, promoting development in clean, renewable energy, biobased products, and making energy efficiency investments. Due to federal leadership 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-one-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 the energy title's inception. Public/private investments through farm energy and biobased economy programs are generating sorely needed innovation and growth opportunities for rural America.

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 final 2018 Farm Bill reauthorizes programs such as the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product

Manufacturing Assistance Program; the Biomarkets 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 mandatory funding as passed by the Senate.

The programs, as improved in the Senate, can continue to unleash greater benefits. For example, the Biorefinery Assistance Program is opened fully to standalone renewable chemical technologies, enabling innovative companies to participate and grow the biobased economy. An expanded BCAP will continue to support innovative biomass energy development and sustainably address hazardous fuels reduction efforts in our nation's forests. REAP remains a flagship program in the title bringing direct energy and efficiency investments to farmers, ranchers and rural small business in every state.

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.

Given pressing needs in rural America and the great promise of a new, comprehensive farm bill, we urge you to adopt the Senate passed energy title, with full mandatory funding. Thank you for your continued leadership on these issues which 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

American Coalition for Ethanol

American Soybean Association

Arkansas Advanced Energy Association

Bio Nebraska Life Sciences Association

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Biomass Power Association

Biotechnology Innovation Organization

Business Council for Sustainable Energy

California Farm Bureau Federation

California Forestry Association

Center for Rural Affairs

Clean Energy Economy Minnesota  
Clean Fuels Development Coalition  
Corn Refiners Association  
Distributed Wind Energy Association  
Energy Alabama  
Energy Management Association  
Environmental and Energy Study Institute  
Environmental Law & Policy Center  
Geothermal Alliance of IL  
Growth Energy  
Gulf States Renewable Energy Industries Association  
ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute  
Induslatin  
Institute for Water and Wastewater Technology  
Iowa Biotechnology Assn.  
Kentucky Poultry Federation  
MichBio  
Michigan Biomass  
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation  
Mississippi Poultry Association  
Missouri Dairy Association  
Missouri Farmers Union  
National Biodiesel Board  
National Association of State Energy Officials  
National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center  
National Farmers Union  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Rural Lenders Association  
NC Clean Energy Technology Center  
Renewable Fuels Association  
RNG Coalition  
Rural Jobs Coalition  
South Dakota Biotech Association  
Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance  
The Geothermal Exchange Organization  
University of Illinois, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences  
Washington State University  
Windustry  
Wisconsin Energy Institute

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AlgEternal Technologies, LLC  
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ALLETE / Minnesota Power  
Aloterra Energy LLC  
Altex Technologies Corporation  
American Renewable Power  
AMSEnergy.com  
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Andigen AG  
Anellotech  
AnGee & Sons Inc.  
ARA  
Archer Daniels Midland Company  
Arzeda Corporation  
AstaReal Inc  
Beehive Ventures Group  
Bergey Wind  
BioAmber  
BioBlend Renewable Resources, LLC  
BioFiber Solutions International  
BioGas Corp  
Biomass One, LP  
BioWorks Energy LLC  
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BloomCo AZ  
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Boie Biogas, LLC  
BTR Energy, Benefit LLC  
Byogy Renewables  
Calysta, Inc.  
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Cargill  
Cellana LLC  
CMD Corporation  
Columbia Biogas  
Critical Path Engineering Solutions  
Danimer Scientific  
Deinove  
Dialytics, Inc.  
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DSM  
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Earth Energy Renewables  
Earth-bio Restoration, LLC  
Earthrise Nutritionals LLC  
ECOCORP  
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Evergreen Clean Energy Corporation  
Farm and Alchemy  
Field Phyto-Nutrients  
FPN LLC  
Full Circle Renewables  
Genesis Industrial Group  
Genomatica  
Gevo Incorporated  
Gills Onions LLC  
Global Algae Innovations Inc  
Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority  
Greater Commercial Lending  
Green Biologics, Inc.  
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Manna Fish Farms, Inc.  
Marine BioEnergy, Inc.  
MicroBio Engineering Inc.  
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Pacific Neurophysiologists  
Pacific Sun Energy  
Papirichie Energy  
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POET  
POET-DSM Advanced Biofuels  
Positive Energy Alternatives, LLC  
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Protec Fuel Management  
QBM Management, Inc  
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Salish Seaweeds  
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Sirrus Chemistry  
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Triton Algae Innovations  
Twist Bioscience  
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Westar Trade Resources  
West Range Forest Products  
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