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RESOLUTION

Expressing support for expeditious passage of a comprehensive, bi-partisan farm bill in 2024.

Whereas, from September 21 to September 23, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture met in Indianapolis to discuss issues focusing largely on the unique and challenging economy facing farmers and their ability to continue producing a safe and affordable food, fiber and fuel supply;

Whereas, Throughout the life of the current farm bill, producers across the country have experienced powerful headwinds, ranging from extreme weather to high input costs to uncertain global demand to supply chain disruptions;

Whereas, the agricultural community is in agreement that we need a new farm bill that includes important updates to better fit the longer-term needs of the farm economy;

Whereas, Farmers are feeling tremendous pressures under high input costs, elevated interest costs and deeply depressed commodity futures markets and poor local cash markets and must have an improved safety net;

Whereas, Communities rely on enhancing nutrition security and strengthening local and regional food systems for improved supply chain resilience.

Whereas, We appreciate the efforts of the House and Senate Committee leaders to develop a farm bill that secures a commitment to American agriculture and the critical food and nutritional assistance programs for those who need it most;

Whereas, Congress must act before year's end to strengthen farm policy for America's farmers;

Resolved, That the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture—

(1) unanimously supports passage of a bipartisan, comprehensive farm bill in 2024;

(2) calls on lead negotiators in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to work together in favor of legislation that supports farmers and ranchers, while also protecting the critical food and nutritional assistance programs for those who need it most. The farm bill is an issue of national security.

Enhance American food and agricultural communities through policy, partnerships and public engagement.