March 5, 2020

Chairwoman Kathy Castor, Ranking Member Garrett Graves
House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis
H2-359 Ford Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Castor and Ranking Member Graves:

I am writing on behalf of the North America Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance (NACSAA) to transmit our collective recommendations for policies and programs that will enable agricultural solutions to climate challenges. NACSAA is a diverse, farmer-led platform created to help inspire, educate, and equip its members to innovate effective local adaptations that sustain productivity, enhance climate resilience, and contribute to the local and global goals for sustainable development.

The Alliance’s submission was constructed from input gathered from NACSAA’s members including agriculture, food production, equipment manufacturing, life science and conservation organizations. In developing these suggestions for the Select Committee, NACSAA offers a collective body of work which – though not every partner may endorse every item on the list – presents a composite consensus of important climate change enabling policies evolving from North American agricultural stakeholders. Together, they reinforce comments and recommendations offered by individual NACSAA members and stakeholder partners in support of climate innovation and sustainable production in the United States.

Thank you for your recognition of the need to advance recommendations that will enable agricultural economic sustainability and benefit farmers, ranchers and foresters as well as the planet. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or NACSAA’s coordinating body Solutions from the Land. With your assistance, U.S. agriculture can be at the forefront of resolving food system, energy, environmental and climate challenges and achieving global sustainable development goals.

Sincerely,

Fred Yoder, Chairman
North America Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance