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The Honorable John Thune  
Senate Majority Leader  
Capitol Building S-221  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
Capitol Building S-230  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer:

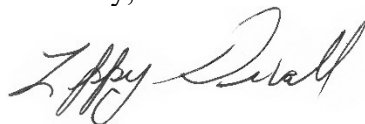
I write to urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Brooke Rollins as the next Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Her experience, leadership, and deep commitment to American agriculture make her an outstanding candidate to lead the department at this critical time. The unanimous vote by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry to advance her nomination illustrates the confidence of those 23 Senators in Ms. Rollins' ability to lead USDA at this critical juncture.

Ms. Rollins has a long history of advocating for policies that promote economic growth, rural development, and the well-being of American farmers. Her tenure in public service, including her work in the White House and with agricultural stakeholders, demonstrates her ability to navigate complex policy issues and advance solutions that strengthen the agricultural sector. As Secretary of Agriculture, she will be well-positioned to support farmers, ranchers, and rural communities while ensuring the USDA remains a strong advocate for American food security and agricultural innovation.

Agriculture remains a cornerstone of the American economy, and the challenges facing our farmers require a steady hand at the helm of the USDA. There are many issues facing American agriculture, and leadership at USDA is needed as soon as possible. From low commodity prices and high input costs, to foreign animal diseases, and supply chain disruptions causing inflation, Ms. Rollins' leadership will be essential in securing a prosperous future for farmers and ranchers. In addition, December's Continuing Resolution included much-needed economic assistance and disaster assistance for America's farm families. To ensure this aid is delivered as timely as possible, USDA needs political leadership in place.

I respectfully urge you to prioritize her confirmation and work with your colleagues to ensure that the USDA has the leadership necessary to support the millions of Americans who depend on its programs and policies. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and I appreciate your commitment to serving our nation's farmers and rural communities.

Sincerely,



Zippy Duvall, President

cc: Members of the United States Senate