Dear Chairpersons Leahy and DeLauro; Subcommittee Chairpersons Merkley and Pingree:

We the undersigned organizations support the mandatory reporting and regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from factory farms and manure management operations. For years, these efforts have been blocked through appropriations riders. We urge you to ensure Congress does not include these legacy appropriations riders, which prevent EPA from taking steps to monitor and regulate greenhouse gas emissions from the factory farm industry, in the FY 2022 Appropriation for the Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA has established authorities under the Clean Air Act that it could use to regulate air emissions from Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs), also known as factory farms. But due to regular inclusion of appropriations riders, EPA is not able to utilize funds to promulgate or implement any regulation requiring the issuance of permits under Title V of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7661 et seq.) for carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, water vapor, or methane emissions resulting from biological processes associated with livestock production. EPA has also repeatedly been prohibited from implementing its greenhouse gas reporting rule for livestock operations and manure management systems.

The EPA identifies livestock as responsible for 25% of overall agricultural greenhouse gas emissions, while manure management operations contribute 12% of overall agricultural emissions, but riders promoted by agribusiness are tying EPA’s hands from addressing this important sector. The climate crisis is too urgent to allow factory farms to escape regulatory oversight, regulation, and tracking of greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition to fueling the climate crisis, factory farms release dangerous toxins into the air we breathe and the water we drink. These environmental health impacts disproportionately affect low income and communities of color. Furthermore, factory farming also drains rural economies of resources while economically squeezing farmers’ consumer share of the dollar.
We can no longer allow the dangerous and destructive factory farming industry to pollute our air with planet-warming greenhouse gases, entirely unchecked by the EPA. As leaders of the Appropriations Committees, please do all within your power to ensure EPA has the resources to hold this industry accountable for its emissions.

Signed,

**Leading Organizations:**
Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment  
Food & Water Watch  
Friends of the Earth  
Indigenous Environmental Network  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
National Family Farm Coalition

**National Organizations:**
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)  
Animal Legal Defense Fund  
Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment  
Center for Biological Diversity  
DC Greens  
Earthjustice  
Environment America  
Environmental Working Group  
Factory Farming Awareness Coalition  
Fair World Project  
Family Farm Defenders  
Farm Forward  
Food & Water Watch  
Food Animal Concerns Trust  
Friends of the Earth  
Grassroots Global Justice Alliance  
Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy  
Hispanic Access Foundation  
Humane Society International  
Humane Society Legislative Fund  
Humane Society of the United States  
Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association  
Indigenous Environmental Network  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute  
Kitchen Sync Strategies  
National Family Farm Coalition  
National Farm Worker Ministry  
Organic Farming Research Foundation  
Our Climate  
Pesticide Action Network  
Public Justice  
Real Food Media  
Sierra Club
Socially Responsible Agriculture Project
Stand.earth
Youth Climate Save
Zero Hour

**State and Local Organizations:**
350 Eugene
350 Hawaii
350 Seattle
350 Triangle
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet
Advancing Collective Equity
All together Now PA
Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.
Applecroft
Assateague Coastal Trust
Balanced
Buffalo River Watershed Alliance
CISA
Clean Water for North Carolina
Climate Land Leaders
Climate Reality Project, Silicon Valley
Compassion in World Farming
Dakota Rural Action
Des Moines County Farmers and Neighbors for Optimal Health
Earth Action, Inc.
Encompass
Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area
Farmworker Association of Florida
Friends For Environmental Justice
Friends of Family Farmers
Green State Solutions
Grow For Food
Hawai‘i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA)
Health Care Without Harm
Hudson Varick Resources
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc.
JSA Sustainable Wealth Management
Lean and Green Kids
Linn County Farmers and Neighbors
Locust Point Community Garden
Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy
March of Silence NYC
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Missouri Coalition for the Environment
MountainTrue
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY)
NYCLASS (New Yorkers for Clean, Livable, and Safe Streets)
Planetary CARE
Plant Powered Metro New York
Poweshiek CARES
PSR Arizona
Regenerative Rising
Resilience Project
Resource Renewal Institute
River Guardian Foundation
Santa Cruz Climate Action Network
Sonoma Hot Sauce
STEAM URBAN
Terra Advocati
TIAA-Divest! from climate destruction
Tufts University
Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment
Virginia Association for Biological Farming
Wall of Women
Western Watersheds Project