

Support the Farm System Reform Act (S. 271 & H.R. 797)

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We write to express our strong support for the Farm System Reform Act (S. 271 and H.R. 797) and urge Congress to include the legislation's critical reforms in the coming Farm Bill. We urgently need to overhaul the fundamental structure of our food system.

This visionary legislation meets the scale of action necessary to transform our farming and food system in a timeline that reflects the urgency of its problems. Farmers are in crisis as increasing concentration makes it impossible for them to get a fair price. The U.S. livestock and poultry system is dominated by a handful of multinational corporations and their web of factory farms that cruelly confine tens of thousands of animals in cramped, unsanitary conditions; these conditions place the safety of our food at risk, pollute our air and water, harm the welfare of animals and workers, extract wealth from rural communities, push family farmers out of business, increase the risk of antibiotic resistant bacteria and increase corporate control of our food.

The federal government has encouraged the development of our brittle food system through policy failures including weak environmental rules (and lax enforcement), farm policy that prioritizes overproduction of corn and soybeans to feed factory farmed animals, and failed antitrust policy that has allowed a handful of meatpacking companies to dominate the marketplace.

This model is not an accident. It is an intentional consolidation and corporate grab of resources designed to benefit a few of the biggest agribusinesses in the industry-- at the expense of farmers, consumers, workers, animals, and the environment. But the Farm System Reform Act is a meaningful step to fix it.

This legislation will revitalize independent family farm agriculture and rural communities by:

- Placing a moratorium on new and expanding large factory farms
- Phasing out existing large factory farms by 2040
- Holding corporate integrators responsible for harm caused by factory farms
- Providing a \$100 billion voluntary buyout program for contract farmers who want to transition away from factory farms
- Strengthening the Packers & Stockyards Act to protect family farmers and ranchers
- Restoring mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for meat
- Prohibiting USDA from labeling foreign imported meat products as "Product of USA"

This visionary legislation will benefit farmers, rural communities, food resilience, our air and water, and the welfare of animals. It's time to ban new and expanding factory farms and build a better future. We urge you to support and prioritize the Farm System Reform Act today.

Signed,

National and International Organizations

A Greener World
Agricultural Justice Project
Alliance for Democracy
Alvenci Partners
American Grassfed Association
American Public Health Association
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)
American Sustainable Business Network
Animal Equality
Animal Legal Defense Fund
Animal Partisan
Animal Welfare Institute
Aytzim: Ecological Judaism
Balanced
Businesses for a Livable Climate
Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment
CatholicNetwork US
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Food Safety
Climate Communications Coalition
Climate Refarm
Climate Systems Solutions
Compassion in World Farming USA
Crate Free USA
Creation Justice Ministries
Dharma Voices For Animals
Earth Democracy Committee Alliance for Democracy
Earthjustice
Energy Justice Network
Environmental Integrity Project
Environmental Working Group
Fair Start Movement
Family Farm Defenders
Farm Action Fund
Farm Aid
Farm Forward
Farm Sanctuary
Food & Water Watch
Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT)
Food Chain Workers Alliance
Food Integrity Campaign Government Accountability Project
Four Paws USA
Franciscan Action Network
Friends of the Earth
Government Accountability Project
Health Care Without Harm
Honor the Earth
Humane Farming Association
In Defense of Animals
Institute for Local Self-Reliance

Interfaith Public Health Network
James Beard Foundation
Jewish Initiative for Animals
Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future
Latino Farmers & Ranchers International, Inc.
Mercy For Animals
National Women Involved in Farm Economics
Natural Resources Defense Council
Our Honor
Oxfam America
P Street
People's Action
Pesticide Action Network North America
Plant Based Foods Institute
Plant Based Treaty
PlantBasedData.org
Plataforma ALTO
Progressive Democrats of America
Public Justice
Rachel Carson Council
RapidShift Network
Rural Coalition
Rural Democracy Initiative
Save EPA (former employees)
Sierra Club
Slow Food USA
Socially Responsible Agriculture Project
Strategies for Ethical and Environmental Development (SEED)
System Change Not Climate Change
The Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice
The Humane League
Union of Concerned Scientists
Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
Vegetarianos Hoy
Waterkeeper Alliance
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
World Animal Protection
Zero Hour

State and Local Organizations

Cahaba Riverkeeper, AL
Buffalo River Watershed Alliance, AR
ELC Golf Sales Inc, AZ
Slow Food Chef's Alliance, CA
Slow Food East Bay, CA
Slow Food Sonoma County North, CA
Slow Food Ventura County, CA
Walk Your Talk Productions, CA
Wild Idea Buffalo, CA

350 Sacramento, CA
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet, CA
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, Inc, CA
Animal Place, CA
BettyAlbertChronicles.com, CA
BM Fabric Designs, CA
Climate Action California, CA
Climate Reality Bay Area, CA
Factory Farming Awareness Coalition, CA
Food System Innovations, CA
Fresh Approach, CA
Indigenous Edibles, CA
Legal Impact for Chickens, CA
MegaFood, CA
Planting Justice, CA
Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action, CO
Call to Action Colorado, CO
Citizen's Alliance for a Sustainable Englewood, CO
CO Businesses for a Livable Climate, CO
Community for Sustainable Energy, CO
Geochemical Solutions, LLC, CO
Good Food Collective, CO
I-70 Citizens Advisory Group, CO
Indivisible Ambassadors, CO
Larimer Alliance for Health, Safety and Environment, CO
Littleton Business Alliance, CO
Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association Board, CO
Mental Health & Inclusion Ministries, CO
Mind Eye World, CO
Montbello Neighborhood Improvement Association, CO
North Range Concerned Citizens, CO
Slow Food Colorado, CO
Southwest Organization for Sustainability, CO
Spirit of the Sun, Inc., CO
The Green House Connection Center, CO
Unite North Metro Denver, CO
Wall of Women, CO
Western Colorado Alliance, CO
Western Slope Businesses for a Livable Climate, CO
Womxn from the Mountain, CO
Working for Racial Equity, CO
Sussex Health & Environmental Network, DE
Earth Action, Inc., FL
Laila's Legacy, FL
LULAC Council 7259, FL
Nature Coast Conservation, FL
Veg Avengers Marketing, FL
Apex Advocacy, GA
Slow Food Atlanta, GA
The Well-Nourished Soul, GA
Boone County Farmers and Neighbors, IA

Des Moines County Farmers and Neighbors for Optimal Health, IA
Great Plains Action Society, IA
Iowa Alliance for Responsible Agriculture, IA
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, IA
Pax Christi USA, IA
Poweshiek CARES, IA
Sustainable Iowa Land Trust, IA
Women, Food and Agriculture Network (WFAN), IA
Angel Wings Network Inc, ID
350 Chicago, IL
Chicago Food Policy Action Council, IL
Environmental Law & Policy Center, IL
Illinois Stewardship Alliance, IL
Elkhart County Food Council, IN
Indiana Farmers Union, IN
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, IN
NWI Food Council, IN
Kansas Rural Center, KS
KC Farm School, KS
Lyon County Food and Farm Council, KS
No Tyson Sedgwick County, KS
Food in Neighborhoods Community Coalition, KY
Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance, LA
Animals Are Sentient Beings Inc, MA
Applied Insights, MA
Fertile Ground, MA
Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance, MA
Assateague Coastal Trust, MD
Beyond Extreme Energy, MD
Maryland Campaign for Environmental Human Rights, MD
Maryland Conservation Council, MD
Maryland Legislative Coalition, MD
Progressive Maryland, MD
Sentinels of Eastern Shore Health, MD
Waterkeepers Chesapeake, MD
For Love of Water (FLOW), MI
Progress Michigan, MI
Slow Food Detroit, MI
Appetite For Change, MN
CURE, MN
Emerald Clean Water For All, MN
Garden Life, MN
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, MN
Land Stewardship Project, MN
Thousand Hills Lifetime Grazed, MN
Cedar County Democrats, MO
Missouri Coalition for the Environment, MO
Missouri Confluence Waterkeeper, MO
Missouri Farmers Union, MO
Missouri River Bird Observatory, MO
Poosey Neighbors United, MO

St. Louis Green Party, MO
Stockton Go Green Team, MO
American Indian Mothers Inc, NC
Cape Fear River Watch , NC
Edible Port City, NC
Miel Design Studio, NC
NC Environmental Justice Network, NC
Watauga Riverkeeper, NC
WNC Food Justice Planning Initiative, NC
Yadkin Riverkeeper, NC
Elmwood First, NE
GC Resolve LLC, NE
Indigo Blue Hive, NE
Lancaster Hills Alliance, NE
Nebraska Communities United, NE
Nebraska Women Involved in Farm Economics, NE
RegeNErate Nebraska, NE
Hungry Bear Farm, NH
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire (NOFA-NH), NH
Piscataqua Seed Project, NH
Bergen County Green Party, NJ
Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE), NJ
Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline - NJ, NJ
Divest NJ, NJ
Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition, NJ
Environmental Communion NJ Association UCC, NJ
MoveOn.org Hoboken, NJ
North Jersey Sierra Group, NJ
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey (NOFA-NJ), NJ
Occupy Bergen County, NJ
Our Revolution Ocean County, NJ, NJ
PDA, New Jersey Chapter, NJ
SOMA Action, NJ
The Wei LLC, NJ
Bryant Research, NM
La Semilla Food Center, NM
Slow Food Vegas, NV
350 Brooklyn, NY
Animal Defenders of Westchester, NY
Bronx Climate Justice North, NY
Church Women United in New York State, NY
Culture Canopy, NY
iEat Green, LLC, NY
League of Humane Voters of New York, NY
Lights Out Coalition, NY
Longwave Financial, NY
Massachusetts Avenue Project, Inc., NY
Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, NY
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE), NY
North Bronx Racial Justice, NY
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY), NY
NY4Whales, NY
NYCLASS (New Yorkers for Clean, Livable, and Safe Streets), NY
Pulling at the Roots, NY
Ramapough Munsee Lunaape Nation, NY
Seneca Lake Guardian, A Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate, NY
Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester Justice & Care for Creation Committee, NY
Slow Food East End, NY
Slow Food North Shore, NY
Soul Fire Farm, NY
FreshWater Accountability Project, OH
Geis Companies, OH
Lake Erie Advocates, OH
Naturepedic Organic Mattresses & Bedding, OH
Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, OH
B'Green Cutters LLC, OK
LEAD Agency, OK
Friends of Family Farmers, OR
Slow Food Portland, OR
Tualatin Riverkeepers, OR
Berks Gas Truth, PA
Bucks Environmental Action, PA
Marcellus Outreach Butler, PA
Pennsylvania Farmers Union, PA
Project CoffeeHouse, PA
Responsible Decarbonization Alliance, PA
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, PA
CWA Local 1081, REG
Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association, REG
Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust, REG
Northeast Organic Farming Association-Interstate Council, REG
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Rhode Island, RI
RI Food Policy Council, RI
Wild Idea, SC
Dakota Rural Action, SD
Echo Canyon Polled Herefords, SD
Great Outdoor Store, SD
Wild Idea Buffalo Co., SD
CreatureKind, TN
GROW North Texas, TX
Slow Food Austin, TX
Slow Food DFW, TX
Slow Food Houston, TX
Slow Food RVA, VA
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT), VT
350 Seattle, WA

divinAmerica and Slow Food USA Cooks' Alliance
Leadership Team, WA
Fair Farm Project, WA
JRS, WA
Kitchen Sync Strategies, WA
Land & Sea Chapter WA, Slow Food USA, WA
Pass the Federal Green New Deal Coalition, WA
Quillisascut Farm School, WA
Slow Food Whidbey Island, WA
South Seattle Climate Action Network, WA
Spokane Riverkeeper, WA
Clean Water Action Council of NE Wisconsin, WI
Crawford Stewardship Project, WI
Friends Of the Forestville Dam, Inc., WI
Grant County Rural Stewardship, WI
Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter Trout Unlimited, WI
Kewaunee CARES, WI
Milwaukee Riverkeeper, WI
Preserving Our Ixonia Countryside, WI
Slow Food UW, WI
Slow Food, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Chapter, WI
Slow Food in the Tetons, WY