

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

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Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry

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House Committee on Agriculture

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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  
Alvinci 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  
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)  
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  
Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, 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  
Sierra Club, 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