

July 7, 2025

The Honorable John Thune  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders Thune and Schumer,

We write to you today in support of Luke Lindberg's nomination to be the next Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). We strongly support Mr. Lindberg's nomination and respectfully urge you to expedite a vote in favor of his confirmation.

Mr. Lindberg's leadership and strong advocacy is needed at a critical time for U.S. farmers, ranchers, growers, hunters, forest owners, conservationists, cooperatives, state departments of agriculture, renewable fuel producers and agribusinesses that we represent nationwide. As you know, the U.S. rural and agricultural economy faces many challenges including uncertain market access, increased costs, higher competition from overseas competitors, and a nearly \$50 billion agricultural trade deficit. Mr. Lindberg will be vital to the necessary trade and agriculture efforts to address these challenges head on.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lindberg has been a proponent of using trade to strengthen U.S. agriculture. As President and CEO of South Dakota Trade, Mr. Lindberg collaborated with local and regional agriculture groups and led several international trade missions to help South Dakota producers and agricultural partners navigate the global trade landscape. Prior to that, as Chief of Staff and Chief Strategy Officer at the Export-Import Bank of the United States he managed day-to-day operations, and advanced strategic initiatives including opening new markets for American producers.

Furthermore, Mr. Lindberg garnered bipartisan support among key agricultural stakeholders, support that was reflected in the unanimous vote to report favorably his nomination by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry. This trust and confidence with key stakeholders will ensure that agricultural trade is continuously prioritized at USDA and the White House.

U.S. agriculture needs Mr. Lindberg to join Secretary Brooke Rollins and Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden at USDA to champion American farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers as we continue to nourish the world with the most secure, affordable and nutritious food on the globe.

Again, we urge the U.S. Senate to promptly confirm Mr. Luke Lindberg as USDA's next Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

Thank you for your consideration and for your dedication to serving America's agricultural community.

Sincerely,

Agriculture Transportation Coalition - AgTC  
Almond Alliance  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Maritime Officers  
American Maritime Officers Service  
American Seed Trade Association  
American Sheep Industry Association  
American Soybean Association  
American Sugar Alliance  
American Sugarbeet Growers Association  
AmericanHort  
Animal Health Institute  
Beef Alliance  
Blue Diamond Growers  
Bushel, Inc  
California Citrus Mutual  
California Fresh Fruit Association  
CHS Inc.  
Coalition to Promote U.S. Agricultural Exports  
CoBank  
Corn Refiners Association  
Cotton Warehouse Association of America  
Crop Insurance Professionals Association  
CropLife America  
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.  
Farm Credit Services of America  
Farmers for Free Trade  
Farmers' Rice Cooperative  
Food Export Association of the Midwest USA  
Food Export USA–Northeast  
Fresh Produce Association of the Americas  
Global Cold Chain Alliance

Growth Energy  
IL Corn Growers Association  
International Dairy Foods Association  
International Fresh Produce Association  
International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots  
Kansas Livestock Association  
Kansas Sorghum Producers  
Land O'Lakes, Inc.  
Leather and Hide Council of America  
Liberty Maritime Corporation  
Maritime Institute for Research and Industrial Development  
Meat Import Council of America  
Meat Institute  
Midwest Dry Bean Coalition  
Minnesota Corn Growers Association  
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Chicken Council  
National Confectioners Association  
National Cooperative Business Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Fisheries Institute  
National Grain and Feed Association  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA)  
National Pecan Federation  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Potato Council  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Sunflower Association  
National Turkey Federation  
Netafim USA  
North American Blueberry Council  
North American Export Grain Association  
North American Millers' Association  
North American Renderers Association  
Northwest Horticultural Council  
Organic Produce Association  
Pet Food Institute

Pinion, LLC  
Poet LLC  
Seafarers International Union  
Softwood Export Council  
South Carolina Peach Council  
South Dakota Association of Cooperatives  
South Dakota Biotech  
South Dakota Corn Growers Association  
South Dakota Dairy Producers (SDDP)  
South Dakota Soybean Association  
Southern United States Trade Association  
Southwest Council of Agribusiness  
Sweetener Users Association  
U.S. Beet Sugar Association  
U.S. Dairy Export Council  
U.S. Grains Council  
U.S. Peanut Federation  
U.S. Wheat Associates  
United States Meat Export Federation  
USA Poultry & Egg Export Council  
USA Pulses  
USA Rice  
Washington Apple Commission  
Washington State Fruit Commission  
Western Peanut Growers Association  
Wine Institute