

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

U.S. Congressman Steve King

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U.S. Congressman David Young

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U.S. Congressman Rod Blum

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Dear Congressmen King, Blum and Young,

As you know, the Farm Bill expired yesterday, threatening 39 so-called orphan programs, many of which provide critical support for Iowa's farmers. As commodity prices are dropping and the cost of President Trump's trade war grows, Iowa farmers desperately need stability and consistency to make long-term plans and investments.

Once again, Iowa farmers are paying the price for Washington dysfunction. The Farm Bill has been a bipartisan tradition for decades, which makes it even more disappointing that Republicans in Congress failed to reach a compromise on this crucial legislation.

Iowa's Congressional leadership has a responsibility to protect an industry that is not only an economic driver and job creator in the state, but the bedrock of our culture here in Iowa. Iowa farmers rely on this legislation to provide for their families and to feed people at home and around the world.

During this time of incredible uncertainty due to Trump's trade war, Iowa's farmers simply cannot wait until after the midterm elections before this legislation is renewed. It is fundamentally unfair to leave Iowa's farmers on the hook because Congress is yet again unable to do its job.

We strongly urge you to publicly demand House leadership calls Congress back to session until a compromise is reached.

Sincerely,

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