



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

October 23, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

As a representative of Iowa, the heartland of American agriculture and one of the nation's top producers, I firmly believe that the administration should be afforded the necessary time to negotiate strong, comprehensive trade agreements that safeguard American interests. As we work toward economic recovery and long-term competitiveness, it is critical that we continue to support the administration's goals to rebalance trade and secure favorable deals that open new markets and protect U.S. producers from unfair foreign practices. A stable and strategic trade policy not only reinforces our national economic strength but also provides much-needed certainty for Iowa's farmers, manufacturers, and workers.

However, after meeting with farmers across my district, the reality remains extremely challenging. We continue to experience significant trade obstacles, particularly with nations such as China, whose trade policies disproportionately impact our agricultural producers. For too long, China has manipulated trade systems, imposed retaliatory tariffs, and leveraged non-tariff barriers to limit access for American agricultural goods. These actions have unfairly targeted Iowa's corn, soybean, pork, and other commodity producers, creating instability in markets that are vital to our rural economy.

More recently, China has increasingly turned to other nations—such as Brazil and Argentina—for its soybean imports, bypassing American producers altogether. This shift not only weakens demand for U.S. soybeans but also puts significant downward pressure on prices and leads to long-term erosion of our global market share.

Future trade negotiations—especially with China—must include strong enforcement mechanisms to hold bad actors accountable and level the playing field for American farmers. I also applaud the administration for proposing the use of tariff revenue to provide direct relief to farmers impacted by unfair trade practices. This is a significant step toward mitigating the economic impact of retaliatory actions and bolstering the resilience of American agriculture.

Moreover, I urge the USDA to prioritize and accelerate efforts to expand opportunities for our agricultural producers through diversified trade relationships. Proactive efforts to tap into emerging economies, strengthen bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, and reduce barriers to entry will help ensure long-term resilience for U.S. agriculture. By broadening our international reach, we can create more consistent demand for American-grown products, support rural economies, and safeguard our food and agricultural systems against future disruptions.

Additionally, the promise of biofuels represents a significant avenue for economic expansion in Iowa. I strongly encourage finalizing robust Renewable Volume Obligations (RVOs) to provide certainty and growth potential for the biofuels industry, which has been a vital source of demand for Iowa's corn and soy farmers. These actions not only reinforce our rural economy but also affirm the critical role biofuels play in advancing American energy independence.

Iowa's agriculture sector is resilient and innovative, but it requires partnership and timely support from federal agencies to overcome current challenges and seize emerging opportunities. I look forward to working collaboratively with your administration to ensure Iowa's farmers can thrive in an increasingly complex global market.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette J. Miller-Meeks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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