



September 1, 2022

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
U.S. Senator  
425 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Klobuchar,

We, the undersigned agricultural producers, strongly encourage you to introduce the RIPE100 proposal to enable producers to be fairly compensated for voluntary conservation practices — such as no-till, reduced-till, cover crops and nutrient management plans — that deliver significant public benefits. These contributions include greenhouse gas reduction, carbon sequestration, soil health, cleaner water and air, water conservation, and greater biodiversity.

As the Senate continues its work on the 2023 Farm Bill, we believe this is a vital opportunity to encourage more producers to voluntarily adopt stewardship practices beyond the Conservation Stewardship Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Limiting producers' options to cost-share programs leaves us to take risks and foot the bill for investments that deliver significant public benefits.

American producers have a pivotal role in mitigating climate change, but we should not have to sacrifice our livelihoods in the process.

Sincerely,

30 Farmers and Ranchers

*\*Identities withheld in public posting of letter to protect the privacy of signatories.*