August 1, 2025

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy Secretary U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 The Honorable Brooke Rollins Secretary U.S. Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250

The Honorable Lee Zeldin Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Secretary Kennedy, Secretary Rollins, and Administrator Zeldin,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, representing a large segment of the U.S. agricultural and food production system, we appreciate the recent dialogue with several stakeholders in the food and agriculture sector to provide science-based information to help inform the activities of the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) Commission. We trust that this exercise will result in a better understanding of the farming systems and practices that American agriculture employs to deliver a safe, healthy, and affordable food supply.

We write to urge you to seek public comment on the "Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy" set to be released by August 12, as prescribed in the February 13, 2025, White House Executive Order establishing the President's MAHA Commission. Upon the release of this strategy, it is imperative that the public has an opportunity to provide comments on the policy recommendations included.

The MAHA Commission's "Make Our Children Healthy Again Assessment" development process lacked transparency and opportunity for public engagement, which led to erroneous information that unfairly cast doubt upon our food supply and regulatory systems. We urge you to adopt a transparent and collaborative process that engages experts and affected stakeholders. This approach will help ensure the Commission's policy recommendations are grounded in science, informed by data and evidence, and equipped to improve public health and address childhood chronic illnesses.

The undersigned groups, making up a large portion of America's farm and food sectors, share in the goal of making our population healthier. To ensure the success of the "Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy," we would appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on how to support the delivery of healthy and nutritious foods that America's farmers and ranchers produce every day.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Seed Trade Association
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
AmericanHort
Corn Refiners Association
Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology (CPDA)
CropLife America
Farm Credit Council

Hop Growers of America

International Fresh Produce Association

National Alliance Of Independent Crop Consultants

National Association of Conservation Districts

National Association of Wheat Growers

National Barley Growers Association

National Corn Growers Association

National Cotton Council

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

National Farmers Union

National Grain and Feed Association

National Pork Producers Council

National Potato Council

National Sorghum Producers

National Sunflower Association

North American Millers' Association

The Fertilizer Institute

U.S. Canola Association

U.S. Durum Growers Association

Weed Science Society of America

cc: Calley Means, Senior Advisor for MAHA, White House Dr. Heidi Overton, Deputy Director, White House Domestic Policy Council Jim Goyer, Director, White House Office of Public Liaison