



June 22, 2020

The Honorable Pat Roberts  
Chairman  
Senate Agriculture Committee  
328A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Ranking Member  
Senate Agriculture Committee  
328A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow,

As members of the Kansas agriculture industry, we thank you for your efforts to reauthorize the Grain Standards Act (USGSA), which sets the framework for the functioning of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Grain Inspection Service. With the Act expiring in September, it is imperative that action be taken in a timely fashion and the USGSA be reauthorized. As written, this bill will maintain confidence in our inspection system, which is a key element of Kansas agriculture's success in export markets.

Kansas exports up to \$2.5 billion in grain annually. The current grain inspection system provides certainty to our foreign customers that all Kansas and U.S. grains and oilseeds have been inspected and certified by an independent agency and provides great value to U.S. commodities, thereby enhancing our competitiveness in the world market. This certainty and reliability have helped grow export markets for U.S. commodities and serve as a significant advantage for U.S. products versus commodities from other origins.

A properly functioning grain inspection system is critical, and we urge Congress to reauthorize the Grain Standards Act this year. Despite the significant impacts of tariffs on exports, U.S. commodities have maintained some competitiveness in the international market in part thanks to the premium international buyers place on the U.S. grain inspection system. Our customers, foreign and domestic, see tremendous value in our grain inspection system, and reauthorization of the Grain Standards Act will ensure this value continues for U.S. grain exports.

Again, the Kansas agriculture community sincerely appreciates your work to move forward with the reauthorization process and to craft a bipartisan bill that can be supported by both chambers of Congress. We hope that Congress will be able to act quickly on this bill to ensure no lapse in authorization.

Sincerely,

Kansas Grain and Feed Association  
Kansas Corn  
Kansas Farm Bureau  
Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association  
Kansas Soybean Association  
Kansas Wheat  
Renew Kansas Biofuel Association