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United States Senate
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John Boozman
Ranking Member, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
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Dear Chair Stabenow and Ranking Member Boozman:

On behalf of ConservAmerica, a non-profit organization dedicated to market based, common sense solutions to our nation's conservation, environmental, and energy challenges, I write to urge members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry to support the Growing Climate Solutions Act. The legislation is timely and brings together both sides of the political spectrum in support of a rational approach to address climate change.

As you know, the Growing Climate Solutions Act would create a certification program at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help remove technical entry barriers to agricultural and forestry sector participation in carbon credit markets. These hurdles have limited both landowner participation in carbon markets and the adoption of practices to help reduce emissions. By providing access to information about carbon markets and qualified technical assistance providers, the legislation would help lower the cost of reducing emissions and provide a strong economic incentive for the agriculture community to sequester carbon. In so doing, it aims to capitalize on the synergies between our environment, the economy, and the agriculture, forestry and land use industries and is a great example of the type of nature based, market-oriented policies that are needed to deal with climate change.

ConservAmerica applauds the lead sponsors - Senators Mike Braun, Lindsey Graham, Sheldon Whitehouse and the Chair – as well as all of their staffs for their hard work on this legislation. We urge its swift passage.

Sincerely,

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President