

Congress of the United States

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Director Young:

As you work to put together a domestic supplemental request, we ask that you consider including an agriculture disaster relief package for our US farmers and ranchers, including California growers.

Earlier this year, throughout the country climate disasters impacted thousands of farms and ranches. Several weeks of atmospheric storms brought intense rain and catastrophic flooding. Fields were flooded, lost precious topsoil, covered in debris, or entirely washed away. Further damage from high winds and moisture-induced pests and diseases have only exacerbated losses across nearly every category of agricultural commodity.

As a result, many growers did not have their fields ready to go for the traditional planting season and needed to push their timeline. Fields were also so saturated with water that they were not dry enough to plant at all this year, reducing the number of acres planted. Furthermore, many crops experienced damage earlier in the year but are just now seeing such damage physically manifest due to their inherent lengthier growing seasons and late harvest. This combination and timing of damage has made recovery much more difficult. Initial estimates have reached \$1.4 billion in damages; this number will increase as we continue to assess the latest damages from August and September weather events.

We therefore request a disaster recovery package to continue the rebuilding and recovery process. It is imperative the federal government provide much-needed aid to the agricultural community to allow for a full and timely recovery. Without this desperately needed assistance, farmers will not be able to produce the country's food and the effects will be felt nationwide.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you on this critical issue..

Sincerely,



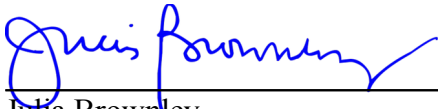
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