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Mr. Bodine and Mr. Lofto:

The recent Middle East conflict has led to increases in the prices of U.S. fertilizer, regardless of actual impact to the U.S. supply. We strongly urge efforts to lower and stabilize prices by renouncing support of phosphate duties incurred through antidumping and countervailing duty investigations.

Countervailing duties have increased and sustained high prices for phosphate fertilizer while preventing diversification. The purpose of countervailing duties (CVDs) is to protect domestic industry from foreign subsidized products. The conflict, on top of already high U.S. input prices, further negates the need for U.S. companies to need CVD protection. To the contrary, U.S. agricultural security – and hence national security – require that farmers have increased access to critical fertilizers.

Farmers across the United States are struggling as input costs remain close to record highs. Fertilizer manufacturers like The Mosaic Company and J.R. Simplot can immediately help alleviate some suffering in the agricultural economy by renouncing their support for continued CVDs. Instead, the undersigned organizations call on you to work with your end-customers to allow additional supplies of phosphates to enter the country at an affordable price.

The undersigned organizations request that your companies take action to support your customers – American farmers – and withdraw your support for countervailing duties on phosphate fertilizers from Morocco. While this action is seemingly minor relative to the current macro environment, including the scope of market disruptions and as well as market structure, is one step that can be taken now.

Sincerely,

National Corn Growers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Soybean Association
National Cotton Council

National Sorghum Producers
Society of American Florists
U.S. Rice Producers Association
USA Rice

Alabama Soybean and Corn Association
Arkansas Soybean Association
Colorado Corn Growers Association
Colorado Sorghum Association
Corn Growers Association of North Carolina
Delta Council
Georgia Corn Growers Association
Georgia/Florida Soybean Association
Illinois Corn Growers Association
Illinois Soybean Growers
Indiana Corn Growers Association
Indiana Soybean Alliance, Membership and Policy Committee
Iowa Corn Growers Association
Iowa Soybean Association
Kansas Corn Growers Association
Kansas Soybean Association
Kentucky Corn Growers Association
Kentucky Soybean Association
Louisiana Cotton & Grain Association
Maryland Grain Producers Association
Michigan Corn Growers Association
Michigan Soybean Association
Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association
Minnesota Corn Growers Association
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
Mississippi Corn Growers Association
Mississippi Soybean Association
Missouri Corn Growers Association
Missouri Soybean Association
Nebraska Corn Growers Association
Nebraska Sorghum Producers
Nebraska Soybean Association
New Mexico Sorghum Producers
New York Corn and Soybean Growers Association
North Carolina Soybean Producers Association
North Dakota Corn Growers Association
North Dakota Soybean Growers Association
Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association
Ohio Soybean Association
Oklahoma Sorghum Growers
Oklahoma Soybean Association

Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association
South Carolina Corn and Soybean Association
South Dakota Corn Growers Association
South Dakota Soybean Association
Tennessee Corn Growers Association
Tennessee Soybean Association
Texas Citrus Mutual
Texas Corn Producers Association
Texas Grain Sorghum Association
Texas International Produce Association
Texas Soybean Association
Virginia Grain Producers Association
Virginia Soybean Association
Wisconsin Corn Growers Association
Wisconsin Soybean Association

CC: United States Senate
United States House of Representatives