



July 31, 2026

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Thune:

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) urges the U.S. Senate to prioritize consideration and passage of the budget reconciliation legislation that would provide additional and much needed short-term assistance for agriculture.

Swift consideration and passage of the budget resolution by the Senate Budget Committee will ensure this critical assistance provides relief for America's farmers as soon as possible. This year is expected to be the fourth consecutive year of net income losses for corn growers with an expected loss of nearly \$150 per acre.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has proven that the administration can deliver authorized assistance timely and accurately. Corn growers applauded President Trump for the administration's budget supplemental request which includes economic and disaster assistance for farmers and calls for permanent year-round sales of E15. NCGA supported the successful passage of the budget resolution by the full U.S. House of Representatives.

Corn growers encourage the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee to advance a bipartisan farm bill. The legislation includes important updates to USDA conservation, trade, credit, rural development, research, and energy programs.

NCGA continues to encourage the Senate to act immediately to pass pending legislation that would provide consumers permanent, nationwide, year-round access to fuel with 15% ethanol blends (E15). This action will help corn growers and the rural economy during this difficult time and will also address issues around affordability by lowering prices at the pump.



We appreciate the leadership of Chairman Johnson, Chairman Boozman, and Members of the Budget and Agriculture Committees for their work to support America's farmers, rural communities, and consumers.

Sincerely,

Jed Bower
President
National Corn Growers Association

CC:
Senate Committee on the Budget Chairman Johnson
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Chairman Boozman