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***The United States Agriculture Coalition for Cuba Encourages Passage of the Agricultural Export Expansion Act of 2021***

*The undersigned organizations of the U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba (USACC) support the Agricultural Export Expansion Act of 2021 to permit private financing of U.S. agricultural exports to Cuba and to enable U.S. companies and organizations to develop agricultural businesses in Cuba. The bill is sponsored by Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Senator John Boozman (R-AR).*

*By permitting private financing, this important legislation removes a longstanding roadblock to U.S. exports to Cuba. The current ban on export finance, in place since the enactment of the Trade Sanction Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, gives a strong advantage to our competitors and keeps U.S. market share artificially low. Cuba imports more than \$2 billion in food each year, less than ten percent from the United States.*

*USACC represents a broad range of agricultural commodity and farm member organizations along with members of the agricultural private sector that support increased opportunities for U.S. agriculture through normalized trade with Cuba.*

*We applaud the sponsors of this bill to put our agricultural exports on an equal footing with global competitors and urge passage of the Agricultural Export Expansion Act of 2021.*

American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Soybean Association  
CoBank  
Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture-CNFA  
Holstein Association USA, Inc.  
Hoverson Farms  
Livestock Exporters Association of the USA  
Michigan Agri-Business Association  
Michigan Bean Commission  
Michigan Bean Shippers  
National Association of Egg Farmers

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Onion Association  
National Potato Council  
North American Export Grain Association  
Northarvest Bean Growers Association  
Northwest Horticultural Council  
Port of Lake Charles  
Producers Rice Mill, Inc.  
Sietsema Farms  
Strickland Ranch & Exports, Inc.  
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U.S. Dairy Export Council  
U.S. Dry Bean Council  
U.S. Wheat Associates  
US Rice Producers Association  
USA Rice Federation  
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Wisconsin Soybean Association