

August 1, 2025

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Brooke Rollins  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20250

The Honorable Lee Zeldin  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Secretary Kennedy, Secretary Rollins, and Administrator Zeldin,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, representing a large segment of the U.S. agricultural and food production system, we appreciate the recent dialogue with several stakeholders in the food and agriculture sector to provide science-based information to help inform the activities of the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) Commission. We trust that this exercise will result in a better understanding of the farming systems and practices that American agriculture employs to deliver a safe, healthy, and affordable food supply.

We write to urge you to seek public comment on the “Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy” set to be released by August 12, as prescribed in the February 13, 2025, White House Executive Order establishing the President’s MAHA Commission. Upon the release of this strategy, it is imperative that the public has an opportunity to provide comments on the policy recommendations included.

The MAHA Commission’s “Make Our Children Healthy Again Assessment” development process lacked transparency and opportunity for public engagement, which led to erroneous information that unfairly cast doubt upon our food supply and regulatory systems. We urge you to adopt a transparent and collaborative process that engages experts and affected stakeholders. This approach will help ensure the Commission’s policy recommendations are grounded in science, informed by data and evidence, and equipped to improve public health and address childhood chronic illnesses.

The undersigned groups, making up a large portion of America’s farm and food sectors, share in the goal of making our population healthier. To ensure the success of the “Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy,” we would appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on how to support the delivery of healthy and nutritious foods that America’s farmers and ranchers produce every day.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Seed Trade Association  
American Soybean Association  
American Sugar Alliance  
AmericanHort  
Corn Refiners Association  
Council of Producers & Distributors of Agrotechnology (CPDA)  
CropLife America  
Farm Credit Council

Hop Growers of America  
International Fresh Produce Association  
National Alliance Of Independent Crop Consultants  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Barley Growers Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Farmers Union  
National Grain and Feed Association  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Potato Council  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Sunflower Association  
North American Millers' Association  
The Fertilizer Institute  
U.S. Canola Association  
U.S. Durum Growers Association  
Weed Science Society of America

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