



October 27, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We appreciate the Administration's attention to the pressures facing farmers, including its recent \$8 billion diesel relief announcement. However, fertilizer prices and the lack of meaningful competition remain urgent concerns.

At nearly every turn, the benefit of your efforts to help farmers has been lost to higher fertilizer costs. Iowa farmers report that their first ammonia quotes since mid-September, received within days of the announcement, were \$150 per ton higher. Meanwhile, the nation's largest phosphate producer has curtailed American production and told its investors there is little incentive to send fertilizer to the U.S., even as your Administration paused duties on phosphate imports. Ohio farmers now report phosphate prices only \$5 per ton below last year. When fertilizer prices rise after relief is announced and barely move after duties are suspended, it points to market power that relief and duty suspensions alone cannot fix.

Your December 2025 Executive Order on price fixing and anticompetitive behavior in the food supply chain directed the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission to investigate exactly this kind of conduct, and it named fertilizer specifically. Farmers are now looking for that work to produce results. We ask your Administration to support the FTC in moving forward with a well-grounded enforcement action addressing anticompetitive conduct in the fertilizer market. We are not asking the FTC to resolve every problem at once or to rush into a resolution that leaves the underlying market power untouched. We respect due process, and a public adjudication of the facts is how that process works. It needs to begin.

Farmers in Iowa, Ohio, and Texas need more than another statement of concern. We are asking for meaningful enforcement action that starts to restore competition and shows farmers they are being heard.

Sincerely,

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Eric Tipton
Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association

Hagen Hunt, President
Texas Corn Producers Association

cc: The Honorable Brooke Rollins, Secretary of Agriculture
The Honorable Todd Blanche, Attorney General of the United States
The Honorable Andrew Ferguson, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission