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The Honorable Brooke L. Rollins

Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins,

As America First Governors, we firmly stand together in our unwavering support of President Donald J. Trump and his administration's National Farm Security Action Plan. This plan is a critical and decisive response to the invasion of our land, food system, and sovereignty by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). For years, foreign adversaries, most notably the CCP, have taken advantage of a lack of federal enforcement, inadequate reporting, and globalist indifference to amass American farmland quietly. In some cases, like the following, these land purchases have occurred dangerously close to key U.S. military installations:

- ★ In North Dakota, the Chinese food company Fufeng Group, with ties to the CCP, attempted to purchase 300 acres of farmland just 12 miles from Grand Forks Air Force Base, a site central to U.S. drone, satellite, and surveillance operations. Local, state, and federal officials raised red flags about potential espionage risks.
- ★ In Texas, a former Chinese military official and billionaire with CCP ties, Sun Guangxin, bought more than 130,000 acres near Laughlin Air Force Base, raising serious alarms about land, water, and energy control.

Across the country, Chinese investors now control hundreds of thousands of acres of U.S. agricultural land, posing risks not just to local economies but to our food supply, water access, and national security. This is a coordinated, strategic effort by the CCP to weaken America from within and use our land as a Trojan horse. Washington's past failures allowed this threat to metastasize. The previous administration was too compromised and entangled with CCP interests to act decisively. As a result, the American people paid the price. That era is over.

We proudly endorse Secretary Rollins and President Trump's plan to take our country back from our adversaries, starting with our farmland. We applaud Secretary Rollins and the Trump Administration's National Farm Security Action Plan as a necessary roadmap to secure America's agricultural future. At its core, the plan strengthens enforcement of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act, including by increasing civil penalties imposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for those who fail to report in accordance with the law or knowingly submit false information in a report.

But the plan goes further. The USDA will work with other departments to ensure that inputs to U.S. agriculture currently sourced from other countries are adequately protected and listed as critical. Additionally, the plan addresses the biological threats to our food system directly, with enhanced protections for our critical agricultural infrastructure against foreign animal diseases, pathogens, and invasive species, any of which could be weaponized to destabilize the U.S. food supply chains.

Every USDA program, from rural development to nutrition to research, is being reevaluated through an America First lens, ensuring that American farmers, ranchers, and rural families come first.

Finally, the plan strengthens coordination between the USDA, the intelligence community, and state leaders like us, many of whom have already successfully pursued and secured state-level solutions over the past few years. Together, we will continue to map vulnerabilities, identify threats, and take aggressive, proactive steps to secure American land, agriculture, and national resilience for future generations.

We, as governors, are ready to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with your department. This is an all-hands-on-deck mission from Washington, D.C., to the farm towns and country roads of our states. We will not allow the CCP to gain a foothold in the American heartland.

This is the golden era of American renewal, an era in which we reclaim control over our resources, restore dignity to our agricultural sector, protect future generations, and ensure that American soil remains in American hands.



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