

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 75, noes 340, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 197]

AYES—75

Amash	Gallagher	Norman
Banks (IN)	Garrett	Palmer
Biggs	Gianforte	Poe (TX)
Bilirakis	Gosar	Posey
Bishop (UT)	Graves (GA)	Ratcliffe
Brat	Grothman	Roe (TN)
Budd	Harris	Rohrabacher
Burgess	Hartzler	Rokita
Carter (GA)	Hensarling	Rooney, Francis
Chabot	Hice, Jody B.	Rothfus
Coffman	Holding	Royce (CA)
Collins (GA)	Huizenga	Russell
Comer	Hunter	Sanford
Cooper	Issa	Scalise
Culberson	Johnson, Sam	Schweikert
Curtis	Jordan	Sensenbrenner
Davidson	Lamborn	Sessions
DeSantis	Lesko	Wagner
DesJarlais	Loudermilk	Walker
Duncan (SC)	Massie	Walters, Mimi
Duncan (TN)	McClintock	Webster (FL)
Estes (KS)	McHenry	Williams
Fleischmann	McSally	Williams
Foxx	Mooney (WV)	Woodall
Frelinghuysen	Mullin	Zeldin

NOES—340

Abraham	Crowley	Higgins (NY)
Adams	Cuellar	Hill
Aderholt	Cummings	Himes
Aguilar	Curbelo (FL)	Hollingsworth
Allen	Davis (CA)	Hoyer
Amodei	Davis, Danny	Hudson
Arrington	Davis, Rodney	Huffman
Babin	DeFazio	Hultgren
Bacon	DeGette	Hurd
Barletta	Delaney	Jackson Lee
Barr	DeLauro	Jayapal
Barragán	DelBene	Jeffries
Barton	Demings	Jenkins (KS)
Bass	Denham	Jenkins (WV)
Beatty	DeSaulnier	Johnson (GA)
Bera	Deutch	Johnson (LA)
Bergman	Diaz-Balart	Johnson (OH)
Bishop (GA)	Dingell	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (MI)	Doggett	Jones
Black	Donovan	Joyce (OH)
Blum	Doyle, Michael	Kaptur
Blumenauer	F.	Katko
Blunt Rochester	Duffy	Keating
Bonamici	Dunn	Kelly (IL)
Bost	Ellison	Kelly (MS)
Brady (PA)	Emmer	Kelly (PA)
Brady (TX)	Engel	Kennedy
Brooks (AL)	Eshoo	Khanna
Brooks (IN)	Espallat	Kihuen
Brownley (CA)	Esty (CT)	Kildee
Buchanan	Evans	Kilmer
Bucshon	Faso	Kind
Bustos	Ferguson	King (IA)
Butterfield	Fitzpatrick	King (NY)
Byrne	Flores	Kinzinger
Calvert	Fortenberry	Knight
Capuano	Foster	Krishnamoorthi
Carbajal	Frankel (FL)	Kuster (NH)
Cárdenas	Fudge	Kustoff (TN)
Carson (IN)	Gabbard	LaHood
Carter (TX)	Gaetz	LaMalfa
Cartwright	Gallego	Lamb
Castor (FL)	Garamendi	Lance
Castro (TX)	Gibbs	Langevin
Cheney	Gomez	Larsen (WA)
Chu, Judy	Gonzalez (TX)	Larson (CT)
Cicilline	Goodlatte	Latta
Clark (MA)	Gottheimer	Lawrence
Clarke (NY)	Gowdy	Lawson (FL)
Cleaver	Granger	Lee
Clyburn	Graves (LA)	Levin
Cohen	Graves (MO)	Lewis (GA)
Cole	Green, Al	Lewis (MN)
Collins (NY)	Green, Gene	Lieu, Ted
Comstock	Griffith	Lipinski
Conaway	Grijalva	LoBiondo
Connolly	Guthrie	Loeb
Cook	Gutiérrez	Lofgren
Correa	Hanabusa	Long
Costa	Handel	Love
Costello (PA)	Harper	Lowenthal
Courtney	Hastings	Lowe
Cramer	Heck	Lucas
Crawford	Herrera Beutler	Luetkemeyer
Crist	Higgins (LA)	

Lujan Grisham, M.	Peters	Smith (TX)
Luján, Ben Ray	Peterson	Smith (WA)
Lynch	Pingree	Smucker
MacArthur	Pittenger	Soto
Maloney,	Pocan	Speier
Carolyn B.	Poliquin	Stefanik
Maloney, Sean	Price (NC)	Stewart
Marchant	Quigley	Stivers
Marino	Raskin	Suozzi
Marshall	Reed	Swalwell (CA)
Mast	Reichert	Takano
Matsui	Renacci	Taylor
McCarthy	Rice (NY)	Tenney
McCaul	Rice (SC)	Thompson (CA)
McCollum	Richmond	Thompson (MS)
McElachin	Roby	Thompson (PA)
McGovern	Rogers (AL)	Thornberry
McKinley	Rooney, Thomas J.	Tipton
McMorris	Ros-Lehtinen	Titus
Rodgers	Rosen	Tonko
McNerney	Roskam	Torres
Meeks	Ross	Trott
Meng	Rouzer	Tsongas
Messer	Roybal-Allard	Turner
Mitchell	Ruiz	Upton
Mooleenaar	Ruppersberger	Valadao
Moore	Rush	Vargas
Moulton	Rutherford	Veasey
Murphy (FL)	Ryan (OH)	Vela
Nadler	Sánchez	Velázquez
Napolitano	Sarbanes	Visclosky
Neal	Schakowsky	Walberg
Newhouse	Schiff	Walden
Noem	Schneider	Walorski
Nolan	Schrader	Wasserman
Norcross	Scott (VA)	Schultz
Nunes	Scott, Austin	Waters, Maxine
O'Halleran	Scott, David	Watson Coleman
O'Rourke	Serrano	Weber (TX)
Olson	Sewell (AL)	Welch
Palazzo	Shea-Porter	Wenstrup
Pallone	Sherman	Westerman
Panetta	Shinkus	Wilson (FL)
Pascarell	Shuster	Wilson (SC)
Paulsen	Simpson	Womack
Payne	Sinema	Yarmuth
Pearce	Sires	Yoder
Pelosi	Smith (MO)	Yoho
Perlmutter	Smith (NE)	Young (AK)
Perry	Smith (NJ)	Young (IA)

NOT VOTING—12

Beyer	Buck	Polis
Blackburn	Clay	Rogers (KY)
Boyle, Brendan	Gohmert	Walz
F.	Labrador	
Brown (MD)	Meadows	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1811

Mr. COFFMAN changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise. The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN) having assumed the chair, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

**AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION
ACT OF 2018**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 891 and rule

XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2.

Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) kindly resume the chair.

□ 1813

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes, with Mr. COLLINS of Georgia (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 20 printed in part C of House Report 115-677 offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) had been disposed of.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in part C of House Report 115-677 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 13 by Mr. WESTERMAN of Arkansas.

Amendment No. 14 by Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 13 OFFERED BY WESTERMAN

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 224, noes 191, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 198]

AYES—224

Abraham	Black	Coffman
Aderholt	Blum	Cole
Allen	Bost	Collins (GA)
Amash	Brady (TX)	Collins (NY)
Amodei	Brat	Comer
Arrington	Brooks (AL)	Comstock
Babin	Brooks (IN)	Conaway
Bacon	Buchanan	Cook
Banks (IN)	Bucshon	Cramer
Barletta	Budd	Crawford
Barr	Burgess	Culberson
Barton	Byrne	Curtis
Bergman	Calvert	Davidson
Biggs	Carter (GA)	Davis, Rodney
Bilirakis	Carter (TX)	Denham
Bishop (MI)	Chabot	DeSantis
Bishop (UT)	Cheney	DesJarlais

Diaz-Balart Donovan Duffy Duncan (SC) Duncan (TN) Dunn Emmer Estes (KS) Faso Ferguson Fleischmann Flores Fortenberry Foxy Frelinghuysen Gaetz Gallagher Garrett Gianforte Gibbs Goodlatte Gosar Gowdy Granger Graves (GA) Graves (LA) Graves (MO) Griffith Grothman Guthrie Handel Harper Harris Hartzler Hensarling Herrera Beutler Hice, Jody B. Higgins (LA) Hill Holding Hollingsworth Hudson Huizenga Hultgren Hunter Hurd Issa Jenkins (KS) Jenkins (WV) Johnson (LA) Johnson (OH) Johnson, Sam Jones Jordan Joyce (OH) Katko Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) King (IA)	King (NY) Kinzinger Knight Kustoff (TN) LaHood LaMalfa Lamborn Latta Lesko Lewis (MN) Long Loudermilk Love Lucas Luetkemeyer MacArthur Marchant Marino Massie McCarthy McClintock McHenry McKinley McMorris Rodgers McSally Messer Mitchell Moolenaar Mooney (WV) Mullin Newhouse Noem Norman Nunes Olson Palazzo Palmer Paulsen Pearce Perry Peterson Pittenger Poe (TX) Poliquin Posey Ratcliffe Reed Renacci Rice (SC) Roby Roe (TN) Rogers (AL) Rohrabacher Rokita	Rooney, Francis Rooney, Thomas J. Ross Rothfus Rouzer Royce (CA) Russell Rutherford Sanford Scalise Schrader Schweikert Scott, Austin Sessions Shimkus Shuster Simpson Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (TX) Smucker Stewart Stivers Taylor Tenney Thompson (PA) Thornberry Tipton Titus Trott Turner Upton Valadao Vela Wagner Walberg Walden Walker Walorski Walters, Mimi Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Wenstrup Westerman Williams Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Woodall Yoder Young (AK) Young (IA) Zeldin	Lujan Grisham, M. Luján, Ben Ray Lynch Maloney, Carolyn B. Maloney, Sean Matsui McCollum McEachin McGovern McNerney Meeks Meng Moore Moulton Murphy (FL) Nadler Napolitano Neal Nolan Norcross O'Halleran O'Rourke Pallone Panetta Pascrell Payne Beyer Blackburn Boyle, Brendan F. Brown (MD)	Pelosi Perlmutter Peters Pingree Pocan Price (NC) Quigley Raskin Rice (NY) Richmond Ros-Lehtinen Rosen Roybal-Allard Ruiz Ruppersberger Rush Ryan (OH) Sánchez Sarbanes Schakowsky Schiff Schneider Scott (VA) Scott, David Serrano Sewell (AL) Shea-Porter Sherman Buck Clay Gohmert Labrador Meadows	Sinema Sires Smith (NJ) Smith (WA) Soto Speler Stefanik Suozi Swalwell (CA) Takano Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Tonko Torres Tsongas Vargas Veasey Velázquez Visclosky Wasserman Schultz Waters, Maxine Welch Wilson (FL) Yarmuth Polis Rogers (KY) Walz	Gianforte Gibbs Goodlatte Gosar Gowdy Granger Graves (GA) Graves (LA) Graves (MO) Griffith Grothman Guthrie Handel Harper Harris Hartzler Hensarling Herrera Beutler Hice, Jody B. Higgins (LA) Hill Holding Hollingsworth Hudson Huizenga Hultgren Hunter Hurd Issa Jenkins (KS) Jenkins (WV) Johnson (OH) Johnson, Sam Jones Jordan Joyce (OH) Katko Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) King (NY) Kinzinger Knight Kustoff (TN) LaHood LaMalfa Lamborn Latta Lesko Lewis (MN)	Long Loudermilk Love Lucas Luetkemeyer MacArthur Marchant Marino Marshall Massie Mast McCarthy McClintock McHenry McKinley McMorris Rodgers McSally Meadows Messer Mitchell Moolenaar Mooney (WV) Mullin Newhouse Noem Norman Nunes Olson Palazzo Palmer Pearce Perry Peterson Pittenger Poe (TX) Poliquin Posey Ratcliffe Reed Renacci Rice (SC) Roby Roe (TN) Rohrabacher Rokita Rooney, Thomas J.	Roskam Ross Rothfus Rouzer Royce (CA) Russell Rutherford Scalise Schweikert Scott, Austin Sensenbrenner Sessions Shimkus Shuster Simpson Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (TX) Smucker Stewart Stivers Taylor Tenney Thompson (PA) Thornberry Tipton Trott Turner Valadao Wagner Walberg Walden Walker Walorski Walters, Mimi Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Wenstrup Westerman Williams Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Woodall Yoder Yoho Young (AK) Young (IA) Zeldin
NOT VOTING—12								
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR								
The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).								
There is 1 minute remaining.								
□ 1816								
So the amendment was agreed to.								
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.								
AMENDMENT NO. 14 OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA								
The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.								
The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.								
The Clerk redesignated the amendment.								
RECORDED VOTE								
The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.								
A recorded vote was ordered.								
The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.								
The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 208, noes 207, not voting 12, as follows:								
[Roll No. 199]								
AYES—208								
Adams Aguilar Barragán Bass Beatty Bera Bishop (GA) Blumenauer Blunt Rochester Bonamici Brady (PA) Brownley (CA) Bustos Butterfield Capuano Carbajal Cárdenas Carlson (IN) Cartwright Castor (FL) Castro (TX) Chu, Judy Cicilline Clark (MA) Clarke (NY) Cleaver Clyburn Cohen Connolly Cooper Correa Costa Costello (PA) Courtney Crist Crowley Cuellar Cummings	Curbelo (FL) Davis (CA) Davis, Danny DeFazio DeGette Delaney DeLauro DelBene Demings DeSaulnier Deutsch Dingell Doggett Doyle, Michael F. Ellison Engel Eshoo Español Esty (CT) Evans Fitzpatrick Foster Frankel (FL) Fudge Gabbard Gallagher García García (IN) Cartwright Castor (FL) Castro (TX) Chabot Chu, Judy Cicilline Clark (MA) Clarke (NY) Cleaver Clyburn Cohen Connolly Cooper Correa Costa Costello (PA) Courtney Crawford Crist Crowley Cuellar Cummings Davis (CA) Davis, Danny DeFazio DeGette Delaney	Higgins (NY) Himes Hoyer Huffman Jackson Lee Jayapal Jeffries Johnson (GA) Johnson, E. B. Kaptur Keating Kelly (IL) Kennedy Khanna Kihuen Kildee Kilmer Kind Krishnamoorthi Kuster (NH) Lance Langevin Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Lawrence Lawson (FL) Lee Levin Lewis (GA) Lieu, Ted Lipinski LoBiondo Loebsack Lowenthal Lowey Lujan Grisham, M. Luján, Ben Ray Lynch Maloney, Carolyn B. Maloney, Sean Matsui McCollum McEachin McGovern McNerney Meeks Meng Moore Moulton Murphy (FL) Nadler Neal Nolan Norcross O'Halleran O'Rourke						

Pallone	Rush	Swalwell (CA)
Panetta	Ryan (OH)	Takano
Pascarell	Sanchez	Thompson (CA)
Paulsen	Sanford	Thompson (MS)
Payne	Sarbanes	Titus
Pelosi	Schakowsky	Tonko
Perlmutter	Schiff	Torres
Peters	Schneider	Tsongas
Pingree	Schrader	Upton
Pocan	Scott (VA)	Vargas
Price (NC)	Scott, David	Veasey
Quigley	Serrano	Vela
Raskin	Sewell (AL)	Velázquez
Reichert	Shea-Porter	Visclosky
Rice (NY)	Sherman	Wasserman
Richmond	Sinema	Schultz
Rogers (AL)	Sires	Waters, Maxine
Rooney, Francis	Smith (NJ)	Watson Coleman
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (WA)	Welch
Rosen	Soto	Wilson (FL)
Roybal-Allard	Speler	Yarmuth
Ruiz	Stefanik	
Ruppersberger	Suozzi	

NOT VOTING—12

Beyer	Buck	Polis
Blackburn	Clay	Rogers (KY)
Boyle, Brendan	Gohmert	Walz
F.	Labrador	
Brown (MD)	Napolitano	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1829

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR. There being no further amendments under House Resolution 891, the Committee will rise.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas) having assumed the chair, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION ACT OF 2018

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 900 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2.

Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) kindly resume the chair.

□ 1832

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes, with Mr. COLLINS of Georgia (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today,

amendment No. 16 printed in House Report 115-679 offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 17 OFFERED BY MR. RUSSELL

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. GALLAGHER). It is now in order to consider amendment No. 17 printed in House Report 115-679.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 386, line 23, insert “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before “Section”.

Page 387, after line 5, insert the following:
(b) EXCLUSION OF ALCOHOL PRODUCTS FROM DEFINITION.—Section 231(a)(5) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1632a(a)(5)) is amended by adding below subparagraph (B) the following:

“The term ‘value-added agricultural product’ does not include beer, wine, distilled spirits, hard cider, or other alcohol product.”.

(c) RESCISSION.—Of the funds made available under section 231(b)(7)(A) of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (as in effect before the date of the enactment of this section) to the Secretary of Agriculture to make value-added agricultural product market development grants and unobligated as of such date of enactment, \$8,000,000 is hereby rescinded.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 900, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. RUSSELL) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Chairman, this amendment addresses but redirects; it does not eliminate any funds from the Value Added Producer Grants.

These \$18 million worth of grants are designed to generate new products, expand market opportunities, and assist beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers, family farms, and even veterans entering farming.

Unfortunately, millions of these funds go to fund alcohol products.

While there is nothing inherently wrong with alcohol products, of the government funds that are used for promotion of these products through the program, we also note that the alcohol industry spends \$7.6 million a year in lobbying costs.

Not only do these tax dollars used to fund the promotion of alcohol take away from non-alcohol-based farmers and ranchers, they also compete with the Government itself.

Every year, we spend millions of dollars to curtail the use and abuse of alcohol.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the impacts and loss of alcohol abuse results in \$249 billion a year in economic, workplace absence, healthcare loss, criminal justice expenses, and vehicle crash costs.

Mr. Chairman, it makes no sense that the Government should spend money to both promote and curtail an industry.

This amendment preserves the Value Added Grants for farmers that have no

\$8-million-a-year industry to lobby for them, and it ends the duplicitous practice of the Government being both for and against something that costs the Nation nearly \$250 billion in annual economic loss.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to support this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Chair, I claim time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Washington is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong opposition to the Russell amendment, which, if enacted, would have a detrimental impact on producers across our Nation, including many of my wine, grape, and hops producers, as well as the beer and wine industry, not only in my State, but around the country.

This amendment proposes to eliminate wine, distilled spirits, beer, and other alcohol products from the Value Added Producer Grant program administered by the USDA.

These industries, in my State and, quite frankly, across the Nation, are a growing segment of our farm economy, providing thousands of jobs.

It is also important to point out the growing significance of wine and hops exports to their industries. Last year, my State exported \$28 million of wine, representing about 5 percent of our total production.

In my home valley of the Yakima Valley in the State of Washington, we account for 75 percent of the U.S. production of hops. With the continued boom of microbreweries and the demand for hops, we must ensure we have available markets.

Our wine grape growers and the wine industry continue to face challenges in export markets, such as the recent tariffs placed on our products by China.

We are in an environment with potential changes in international trade, and farmers are looking for more export markets.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose any efforts to limit our farmers' ability to find markets for their products.

Mr. Chair, I include these letters of support in the RECORD: one from the Wine Institute, Wine America, Distilled Spirits Council, and the Brewers Association; and one from the Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance.

MAY 17, 2018.

Re Oppose Russell Amendment to the Farm Bill.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: We write on behalf of the nearly 9,000 small, family owned wineries, 6,200 small and independent breweries and approximately 1,700 distilleries spread across rural America to urge you to vote against the Russell Amendment to the Farm Bill.

This amendment would unfairly target a vibrant and growing segment of U.S. agriculture by seeking to block small wineries, breweries and distilleries from participating in USDA's value-added agriculture marketing grants. Combined, the American