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The Honorable Pat Roberts
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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and over 250,000 members and supporters of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, I write to acknowledge and thank you for incorporating the provisions of the Chesapeake Bay Farm Bill Enhancements Act of 2017 and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Improvement Act of 2018 in the 2018 Senate Farm Bill text.

Since 1983, the federal government has been an important partner with Bay states in the effort to restore the Chesapeake Bay. The provisions in these bills enhance the effectiveness of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program and the CREP program by improving program administration, delivery and implementation. While the issues they address surfaced in the Bay Watershed, these program improvements will benefit producers and their lands nationwide.

Working together, the states and the federal government are making history in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Helping farmers achieve both productive farms and healthy rivers and streams in our region is perhaps the top priority if we are to successfully restore water quality throughout the watershed. Thank you for your continued leadership, which is so critical to ensuring our success.

Very truly yours,

William C. Baker
President

cc: Senate Bay Delegation

Thank you both - very much!