



February 7, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

It is with great pleasure that, as chair of the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Community Committee (FRRCC or Committee), I convey to you the first set of consolidated recommendations that the Committee has been cultivating over the past sixteen months.

On behalf of the Committee, we are grateful for this opportunity to respond to the charge that you presented to us last year – to consider how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s tools and programs can best support and advance the U.S. agriculture sector’s climate mitigation and adaptation goals. The FRRCC appreciates the opportunity to provide input and recommendations to EPA leadership that we hope will help amplify the impact of EPA programs and policies to better serve our diverse country with a focus on farms, ranches and rural communities.

We could not have done this without the unending support of Dr. Venus Welch-White, Linda Brown and Rod Snyder. In addition, we had numerous EPA and other speakers both at our in-person full committee meetings as well as during our individual ad hoc work group meetings. Your staff were ready to speak with us, respond to questions and follow up with information when needed.

Thank you for accepting these recommendations that were developed and refined with significant discussion and then accepted with consensus by the full FRRCC. Dr. Raymon Shange (my Vice Chair) and I look forward to hearing how EPA acts on them so we can report back to the full committee. In addition, our work continues, and thus we look forward to sharing additional recommendations with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Beth Sauerhaft, PhD  
Chair, EPA’s Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee