The United States Agriculture Coalition for Cuba Encourages Passage of the Agricultural Export Expansion Act of 2021

The undersigned organizations of the U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba (USACC) support the Agricultural Export Expansion Act of 2021 to permit private financing of U.S. agricultural exports to Cuba and to enable U.S. companies and organizations to develop agricultural businesses in Cuba. The bill is sponsored by Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Senator John Boozman (R-AR).

By permitting private financing, this important legislation removes a longstanding roadblock to U.S. exports to Cuba. The current ban on export finance, in place since the enactment of the Trade Sanction Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, gives a strong advantage to our competitors and keeps U.S. market share artificially low. Cuba imports more than $2 billion in food each year, less than ten percent from the United States.

USACC represents a broad range of agricultural commodity and farm member organizations along with members of the agricultural private sector that support increased opportunities for U.S. agriculture through normalized trade with Cuba.

We applaud the sponsors of this bill to put our agricultural exports on an equal footing with global competitors and urge passage of the Agricultural Export Expansion Act of 2021.

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Livestock Exporters Association of the USA
Michigan Agri-Business Association
Michigan Bean Commission
Michigan Bean Shippers
National Association of Egg Farmers
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Corn Growers Association
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Milk Producers Federation
National Onion Association
National Potato Council
North American Export Grain Association
Northarvest Bean Growers Association
Northwest Horticultural Council
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U.S. Wheat Associates
US Rice Producers Association
USA Rice Federation
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Wisconsin Soybean Association