

May 20, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

The American Farm Bureau Federation (Farm Bureau), the nation's largest general farm organization with more than 5 million member families in all 50 states and Puerto Rico expresses its support for the BUILD America 250 Act, which will strengthen America's transportation network, rural infrastructure, and logistical systems that are essential for farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the country.

The agricultural economy is sustained on a reliable and efficient transportation network. Farmers and ranchers depend heavily on safe roads, highways, and bridges coupled with a regulatory framework that is flexible and works at the speed of commerce. Several important policies for agricultural producers include codifying exemptions related to hours of service and electronic log devices operating within 150 air miles for livestock haulers, modernizing the commercial driver's license renewal for farm-related industries, initiating a review of different implements of husbandry laws, and determining whether action is needed to clarify their applicability as a commercial vehicle enhances efficiencies that benefit everyone up and down the supply chain.

The size and scale of America's interstate system and rail network is a competitive advantage that farmers and ranchers rely on to compete in a global economy. As the Committee works through the process of amending the bill, Farm Bureau cautions against amendments that may impede efficiency or lead to rising costs that would put rural America at a disadvantage. Likewise, we would encourage the Committee to give strong consideration to adopting meaningful measures that enhance the efficiencies of our farmers and ranchers by allowing for trucks to be utilized to their fullest potential.

Specifically, Farm Bureau strongly supports policies that would increase transportation efficiencies from the farm gate to the dinner plate. We encourage the Committee to adopt provisions to allow a pilot program for 91,000 lb. trucks that utilize six axles and to empower states to allow trucks hauling time-sensitive, perishable products to travel at state weight limits on the federal interstate system within their state.

Farm Bureau appreciates the Committee's commitment to improving America's critical transportation infrastructure that benefits farmers, ranchers, and rural communities and we look forward to working with Congress to ensure these meaningful reforms and investments become law.

Sincerely,



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