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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chair  
House Transportation & Infrastructure  
United State House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
House Transportation & Infrastructure  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

The North American Equipment Dealers Association is a trade association representing approximately 3,500 farm, industrial and outdoor power equipment dealers in North America. Through the sale of equipment, parts, and service, our dealer members work in partnership with farmers and ranchers to make them the most productive and competitive producers in the world.

We applaud the release of H.R. 8870, the BUILD America 250 Act and its investment in infrastructure, agriculture and rural communities across all titles of the bill. The market realities of agriculture require passage of a robust, updated infrastructure package to support producers across the entire range of agricultural products. This legislation is needed to address several key areas of concern for equipment dealers:

**Section 5160: Seasonal Agricultural CDL Modernization**

- Allow states to offer online renewal for seasonal restricted CDLs in agriculture
- Practical improvement to reduce delays during harvest and planting seasons

**Section 5107: Implements of Husbandry Study**

- Farm equipment should not be treated as motor vehicles for commercial trucking purposes
- A federal definition will align states and remove inconsistencies in enforcement
- Farm Equipment should not count towards the Gross Total Vehicle Weight or Gross Combination Weight.

**Rural Freight and Ag Supply Chain Provisions:**

- Agriculture is a key part of the national freight system
- Designated critical rural freight corridors requirements
- Funding set-asides supporting movement of agricultural products

Rural Infrastructure Investments:

- Investments in rural bridges, culverts and local infrastructure to support movement of agricultural products, including farm equipment, in rural areas

We strongly support passage of this bi-partisan legislation to enhance the ability of agricultural producers to move their harvest to market. Enhancing rural bridges, rural freight, modernizing CDL requirements, and creating clarifying definitions of farm equipment is necessary to keep American agriculture going. These investments will not only alleviate some of the current strain on agriculture, but set up future generations of farmers and ranchers for success.

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