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The Honorable Gary Gensler
Chairman
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street NE
Washington DC 20549

Dear Chairman Gensler:

Thank you for your work to address climate-related risks and provide more transparency for investors in the proposed rule, "Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors" (Climate Disclosure Rule). While I strongly support efforts to tackle climate change, I am concerned about the possible effect of the "value chain" reporting requirements under "Scope 3" and the impact it will have on small producers who do business with covered publicly traded companies.

As you are aware, requiring a covered registrant to disclose emissions in both upstream and downstream supply chain activities may cause the registrant to seek information from small businesses, farmers, or ranchers who lack the ability or resources to accurately collect such data. This requirement could negatively impact the relationships between family farmers and publicly traded companies or create new regulatory burdens on small farmers.

As you seek to finalize the Climate Disclosure Rule, I request you balance the important needs of climate goals and transparency with ensuring farmers, ranchers, and small agribusinesses are not unduly burdened by data collection requirements, and that any rules reflect the needs of small agricultural producers.

I appreciate the thoughtfulness with which you and your staff have approached this issue, and I stand ready to work with you on a rule that works for all American farmers and ranchers.

Sincerely,

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