



May 19, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
House Minority Leader  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Glenn "GT" Thompson  
Chairman  
House Committee on Agriculture  
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The Honorable Angie Craig  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Agriculture  
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Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Chairman Thompson, and Ranking Member Craig:

The U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) appreciates the actions to address costly diesel emissions mandates on farm equipment in H.R. 7567 - Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. By agreeing to H.Amdt.207 offered by Rep. Victoria Spartz (IN-05), the House of Representatives offers American agriculture a sorely needed respite from increased farm equipment operating costs.

Per Advocacy's mission and administrative priorities, such as President Donald J. Trump's Executive Order 14219 that asks agencies to identify "regulations that impose undue burdens on small business and impede private enterprise and entrepreneurship," the office has been communicating directly with small businesses across the country through site visits and roundtables. The cost of inefficient diesel equipment mandates has been a key concern raised by numerous small businesses across sectors of the American economy, including mining, construction, transportation, and agriculture.

As it relates to this amendment, farmers have shared their concerns with our Regional Advocates that these diesel regulations cause their equipment to frequently break down, incur excessive maintenance burdens, and decrease the useful life of their engines, thereby significantly increasing the cost of providing food to Americans.

Advocacy will continue to seek small business feedback and work towards reducing the impacts of diesel emissions mandates on the American economy. We look forward to continuing to work with Congress on this and other regulatory matters restraining economic opportunities for America's small businesses.

We applaud the House for providing small farmers with this desperately needed regulatory relief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Woodel, Jr.", with a large, sweeping flourish at the beginning.

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