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The Honorable David Ross  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Dear David:

I wanted to express my appreciation for the time and effort you took to speak to the American Farm Bureau Federation's Council of Presidents. It was evident from your remarks that you are dedicated to leading the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water. We are very fortunate to have a public servant with your expertise in that position.

As president of the nation's largest general farm organization, I appreciate your message of collaboration and willingness to work with agriculture. What a breath of fresh air! My staff and the staff of our state Farm Bureau organizations look forward to working with you and your office to make progress on the many important issues you mentioned in your presentation.

We are committed to working with you to find solutions that protect our environment while enabling our farmer members to sustainably produce an abundant supply of affordable food, fiber and fuel. Our state Farm Bureau presidents really appreciated your comments on WOTUS, groundwater connections and nutrients.

Given the important challenges we face, our industry greatly values having someone with your knowledge and experience working with us to find lasting and practical solutions. We trust your counsel, and we appreciate your leadership. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to speak with us.

Sincerely,

Zippy Duvall  
President