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Secretary Vilsack,

Congratulations on your confirmation to once again serve as Secretary of Agriculture. The National Grange looks forward to welcoming you back to Washington, D.C. Since our founding in 1867, the National Grange has worked with administrations of both parties to create policies which support agriculture and rural America. Today, the National Grange serves as the voice of over 150,000 rural Americans from all across the country. In this mission, we look forward to working with you and the Department of Agriculture in the next few years to advance policies which benefit rural America.

In particular, our membership's top priorities include rural broadband, rural healthcare, infrastructure deployment, and agricultural issues from trade to climate change. We have been encouraged so far to see that the Biden administration is pushing forward with campaign promises on many of these issues and hope to see swift action in the coming months and years. Yet more, we are confident that with your deep history and connections in the agriculture community that you will ensure that farmers are a priority in any actions taken by the Biden administration.

While the National Grange has many more legislative priorities for rural America on which we look forward to working with your department, rural broadband, rural healthcare, and farmer-focused agricultural policies are the most significant. Once again, congratulations on your confirmation; the National Grange looks forward to working with your department to implement successful policies for rural America.

Respectfully submitted,

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National Grange