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November 10, 2026

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, House Democratic Leader
Members of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee

Dear Leader Jeffries and Democratic Steering and Policy Committee members,

On behalf of the undersigned Ohio commodity organizations, we write to express our strong support for Representative Shontel Brown to serve as Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture in the 120th Congress.

Our organizations represent the farmers, producers, and agricultural businesses that contribute to Ohio's agricultural economy and our nation's food supply. We believe the committee needs a leader who listens to agricultural stakeholders, understands the challenges facing producers, and can build consensus around practical solutions. Representative Brown would bring these qualities to this important role.

Through her service on the House Agriculture Committee, including her current role as Vice Ranking Member, Representative Brown has demonstrated a commitment to understanding the needs of agriculture. We value her engagement with Ohio's agricultural community and her willingness to hear directly from those whose livelihoods depend on sound federal farm policy.

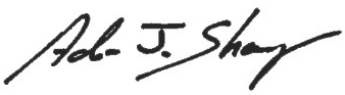
Agriculture faces significant challenges, including rising production costs, uncertain markets, and the need for reliable risk management tools. The committee's work must strengthen the farm safety net, protect crop insurance, expand market opportunities, advance agricultural research, and support voluntary, practical conservation programs. These priorities require leadership that recognizes the diversity of American agriculture and works across party lines to deliver lasting results.

Representative Brown also brings an important perspective on the connections among agricultural production, food access, and the communities our industry serves. Her ability to connect these interests can help build the broad coalition necessary to advance comprehensive agricultural legislation that serves producers and consumers alike.

As Ohio agricultural organizations, we would welcome the opportunity to work with Representative Brown as Chair to ensure that federal policy reflects the realities facing farms and agricultural businesses of all sizes. We are confident she would provide thoughtful, accessible, and collaborative leadership.

We respectfully urge you to support Representative Shontel Brown for Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Thank you for considering our recommendation and for your attention to the future of American agriculture.

Sincerely,



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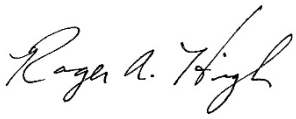
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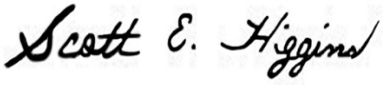
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