June 4, 2020

The Honorable Mike Braun
The United States Senate
Russel Senate Office Building, #374
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
The United States Senate
Hart Senate Office Building, #731
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
The United States Senate
Russel Senate Office Building, #290
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
The United States Senate
Hart Senate Office Building, #530
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Braun, Stabenow, Graham, and Whitehouse,

The members of the CEO Climate Dialogue applaud your efforts to advance bipartisan approaches to climate change. We hope the “Growing Climate Solutions Act of 2020” provides an opportunity to engage a broad coalition of members of Congress, including those who represent rural and agricultural stakeholders, in the conversation about climate policy.

The CEO Climate Dialogue is a coalition of 21 companies with over $1.4 trillion in combined annual revenue and four environmental non-governmental organizations working in partnership to advance effective economy-wide solutions to climate change. The CEOs of the member companies and organizations are personally involved and committed to the goal of enacting bipartisan legislation.

The CEO Climate Dialogue supports development of legislation that will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions to achieve an emissions reduction goal of 80% or more by mid-century. Legislation should be market-based, durable, equitable, and supportive of the American economy. The CEO Climate Dialogue believes strongly that these principles can be achieved through an economy-wide price on carbon, designed in a manner that is consistent with all six of the Guiding Principles below.

We welcome your efforts to foster new thinking in Congress around the role of farmers and foresters in carbon markets to reduce and sequester greenhouse gas emissions through market-based approaches. We look forward to working with you and other members of the Senate to develop economy-wide legislation consistent with the Guiding Principles.

Sincerely,

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Staff Director
On behalf of the CEO Climate Dialogue