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THE HONORABLE AMY KLOBUCHAR
Ranking Member
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
United States Senate
425 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Klobuchar,

Thank you for your August 24, 2025, letter asking for an extension of the 30-day public comment period on the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) reorganization proposal. I appreciate your feedback on this process.

As you are aware, Secretary Rollins announced on August 1, 2025, the opening of a 30-day public comment period. Members of Congress, USDA employees, and all stakeholders were encouraged to provide feedback on the Department's planned reorganization. The Department has determined an extension of the comment period until September 30, 2025, is appropriate. This allows all interested parties the continued opportunity to submit information and comments.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact USDA's Office of Congressional Relations at (202) 720-7095 or ocr@usda.gov. A copy of this letter has been sent to your colleagues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stephen Alexander Vaden", is positioned above the printed name.

Stephen Alexander Vaden
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture