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The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith:

On behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest general farm organization, I am writing to register our strong support for H.R. 1030, the *Secret Science Reform Act of 2015*. We urge all members to vote in favor of this measure when it is brought to the House floor.

H.R. 1030 would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to base its regulations on data that is made publicly available. This is a common sense reform that will improve the quality of regulatory science by affording independent experts the ability to review and reproduce studies EPA uses in crafting regulations. Open and available scientific data should be at the center of EPA decision making. Unfortunately, all too often EPA does not make its data available and has been criticized for hand-picking the scientists that review its work. All members of the regulated community deserve to know that new regulations are grounded in rigorously reviewed and transparent science.

This legislation deserves strong, bipartisan support. We applaud your leadership in this effort and will continue to work with you to ensure enactment of H.R. 1030.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Stallman'.

Bob Stallman
President