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**Re: 2018 Farm Bill House Passage**

LUBBOCK, Texas – The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce today applauded the U.S. House of Representatives for passing the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018. The Chamber expressed appreciation to House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway and Congressman Jodey Arrington for their hard work on the Farm Bill and congratulated area farm organizations on its passing.

Agriculture powers the Lubbock area, making up 33 percent of the total area economy, and it is the engine that makes Lubbock go. Sound farm policy ensures American agriculture remains viable and U.S. consumers continue to have stable and abundant food and fiber production. The Chamber agrees wholeheartedly with the House Agriculture Committee that it is in the best national interest to be able to feed and clothe ourselves independent of other nations.

“Without a good farm bill, our American family farmers would be at the mercy of these foreign governments that can distort markets, and consumers could wind up paying more money for food and fiber. At the Chamber, we know that good farm policy doesn’t just benefit farmers, but consumers as well,” said Chairman Cory Powell.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce represents more than 1,900 businesses and over 79,000 employees on the South Plains which accounts for over \$2 billion in annual household earnings in Lubbock and West Texas. Since 1913 the Chamber, as a catalyst for business growth; a convener of leaders and influencers; and a champion for a stronger community, has served as a unified voice of business by actively advocating for a pro-jobs, pro-growth, pro-business climate.

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