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MGGA Thanks Rehberg for House Farm Bill Action

Great Falls – The Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA) thanks Montana Congressman Denny Rehberg for signing a petition today that would allow floor consideration of H.R. 6083 – the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARRM) Act of 2012. The bill passed the House Agriculture Committee with a large bipartisan majority on July 11 but has not yet been reported to the full House.

“The Farm Bill is far too important for too many Montanans to let election year politics get in the way of doing the right thing,” said Rehberg, a fifth-generation rancher from Montana. “While I know this is going to put a burr under the saddle of Republican leadership, I’m not here to fight for the party; I’m here to fight for Montana. Agriculture is our top industry, and the Farm Bill is a critical safety net that can’t wait. Farmers are already facing the full return of the Death Tax, onerous regulatory expansion, drought and fires. They shouldn’t have to worry about legislative gridlock as well.”

MGGA Vice President Ryan McCormick, Kremlin, and Secretary Charlie Bumgarner, Great Falls, along with National Association of Wheat Growers Vice President Bing Von Bergen, Moccasin, joined the Farm Bill Now! rally in Washington D.C. this week, pressing House members to pass a comprehensive, five-year farm bill this year before the current law expires on September 30.

“The Montana Grain Growers want to thank Denny for listening to Montanans and putting us ahead of party politics,” said Lola Raska, Executive Vice President of the Montana Grain Growers Association. “It’s absolutely essential that we get a Farm Bill done and in place to give our growers certainty. With Congress stuck in gridlock, the discharge petition is one of the few options we have left to get things moving. We appreciate Denny’s leadership on this and commend him for sticking up for Montana.”

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