

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 20, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McConnell and Senator Schumer:

As you take up the nomination of Governor Sonny Perdue as the next Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the undersigned members of the Georgia Delegation would like to express our strong support for his confirmation.

Governor Perdue was born and raised on a farm and spent his youth in a farming community. After graduating from the University of Georgia and serving in the United States Air Force, Governor Perdue continued in the agricultural community as a practicing veterinarian as well as founding and managing a successful agribusiness operation.

Governor Perdue took his passion and knowledge of the agricultural industry to the State Capitol, where he championed agriculture policy for eleven years in the Georgia State Senate. In 2002, he was elected as Georgia's 81<sup>st</sup> Governor. During his eight years as Governor, Sonny Perdue turned around Georgia's debt, built a large surplus, created thousands of jobs, and brought an unprecedented level of new business to Georgia.

With his clear skills in governing, we believe he would be a tremendous asset to the nationwide farming community, bringing sound economic principles, farming knowledge, and the ability to manage multiple interests exceptionally well. Lastly, Governor Perdue is a man of impeccable character, with a strong sense of compassion for others, who would serve the agriculture community well.

Governor Perdue is well qualified to serve as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and we look forward to working with him as part of the administration.

Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

  
David Scott  
Member of Congress

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