

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 28, 2019

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

The Honorable Robert Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Secretary Perdue and Ambassador Lighthizer:

It is our understanding that the term for Joel Nelsen to serve on the Fruit & Vegetable Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee will expire in June. Mr. Nelsen has contacted us regarding his desire to continue serving his industry and our government on trade matters affecting the fruit and vegetable industry.

We want to take this opportunity to express our strong support for his reappointment. Joel has been a valuable member of the committee and to lose his experience at this time would be a tremendous set back to the California Citrus industry. Mr. Nelsen has acquired tremendous knowledge about the industry and the issues it faces in the world marketplace.

We find him to be a key resource for information on several trade matters and an excellent spokesperson on issues specific to citrus and other horticultural products. There is no doubt that he brings an insight and council to the advisory committee that is extremely valuable to the administration and his industry.

We respectfully urge your serious consideration of re-appointing Mr. Nelsen to the ATAC. Thank you for your consideration. Should you need any further information on this request, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



KEVIN McCARTHY
House Republican Leader