



November 11, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Speaker:

On behalf of the California, Texas, and Florida Citrus industries, we wish to express our strong support for Congressman Jim Costa as Chair of the House Agriculture Committee. As a third-generation farmer and a 16-year veteran of Congress, we believe Congressman Costa possesses the experience, knowledge, and relationships necessary to lead this extremely important committee for rural communities across America.

The new Chairman must lead the development of the next Farm Bill, which is critical for the citrus industry's battle against citrus greening. Immigration reform also must also be a priority for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress to ensure the safety and security of employees in agriculture. Issues of trade and food security must also be addressed in the next session. Congressman Costa is well versed on all the issues and has a proven track record of working in a collaborative fashion that achieves results.

We respectfully request that Congressman Costa receive strong consideration to become the next Chairman and enthusiastically offer our support.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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President/CEO  
Texas Citrus Mutual

Sincerely,

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