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AGree Celebrates Final Passage of Global Food Security Act

Washington, DC (July 6, 2016) – [AGree](#) congratulates the U.S. House of Representatives for final passage of the Global Food Security Act (S. 1252). The U.S. Senate passed the bill on April 14, 2016. We thank the many co-sponsors and champions for their work on this legislation. The bill now moves to President Obama for his signature.

“This legislation brings permanency to food security programs with a focus on smallholder agriculture. As we have learned through our work, global agricultural development is a proven strategy for reducing hunger and poverty in developing countries and contributing to self-sufficiency, regional stability, and the development of markets for U.S. products,” said AGree Executive Director Deborah Atwood.

AGree sees the Global Food Security Act as an important step forward in ensuring adequate investment, attention, and coordination around global agricultural development, food security, and poverty alleviation. There is great opportunity for better aligned U.S. policy and programs, coupled with private sector and civil society investment and action, to bolster country-led efforts, strengthen local capacity, and integrate agricultural development, nutrition, and health. The Global Food Security Act is in line with with AGree’s [consensus recommendations on international development](#) and is an important component of the United States’ humanitarian, national security, and agricultural development strategies.

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