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AGree Welcomes Vilsack, Looks Forward to Working with the USDA, Congress to Prioritize Climate-Smart Agriculture Policy

A Multifaceted Approach is Key to Building Resilience for Farmers and Producers

Washington, DC -- Ahead of Secretary Vilsack's swearing in today, AGree, a bipartisan initiative focused on advancing common-sense policies that promote conservation on working lands and support farmers' livelihoods, announced that it looks forward to working with Secretary Vilsack to drive long-lasting climate-smart agriculture policy across the country.

"From farmers and ranchers to the supply chain to environmental groups, we are seeing strong, bipartisan support to build ambitious federal policy solutions to meet the demands of climate change," said Deborah Atwood, AGree Executive Director and Meridian Institute Senior Fellow. "By implementing policies to promote broader adoption of agricultural conservation practices on working lands, USDA can improve farm profitability, increase resilience, reduce risk, enhance environmental performance, and sequester carbon. We look forward to working with Secretary Vilsack and USDA to catalyze results and set a tone for the next four years that will prioritize policies to address the urgent climate crisis."

In early February, the AGree Climate, Food, and Agriculture Dialogue (CFAD) released a bold Point of View paper by coalition members Bruce Knight and Chris Adamo that highlights policy options to encourage and support climate-smart agriculture. Using a systems-approach, the authors lay out the opportunity the federal government has to enact policy that addresses the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the U.S. agriculture sector. Read the full paper [HERE](#).

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