Ohio Farmers Union
United to Grow Family Agriculture

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Congressman Jefferies,

Congresswoman Shontel Brown is READY to chair the House Agriculture Committee.

The Ohio Farmers Union (OFU) enthusiastically supports the prospective selection of Congresswoman Shontel Brown to chair the Agriculture Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. She has served as a member of the committee for many years, earning the respect of her colleagues.

She is a strong advocate of the three critical constituencies necessary to pass a farm bill; farm programs, conservation, and nutrition. She understands the need for a durable and effective farm safety net, the critical need for well-designed conservation programs and the growing demand for nutrition programs serving increasing numbers of primarily hungry seniors, single mothers and children.

She and her staff visited OFU members Graham & Tonni Oberly, owners of Oaks & Sprouts a family farm in Champaign County, in September, where we had intensive discussion of potential new directions for farm programs, such as expanding the scope of farm supports to include producers of all food crops at all scales of production.

We believe that Representative Brown has the knowledge and experience to open doors for a new generation of farm programs, based on local production, processing and distribution of food, fiber, fuel and other important agricultural products.

We also welcome other members of Ohio's agricultural community coming on board to support her ascending to chair this important committee.

Sincerely,

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