

Farm System Reform Act Overview

Senator Booker (D-NJ) introduced the Farm System Reform Act of 2019 on December 16, 2019. Senators Warren and Sanders are cosponsoring the bill, S.3221. The press release announcing the bill, includes a summary of key provisions and can be found [here](#). The House bill, H.R.6718, is led by Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) and has 22 [cosponsors](#).

The following groups supported the bill when it was introduced:

- Family Farm Action
- Indiana Farmers Union
- Pennsylvania Farmers Union
- American Grassfed Association
- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
- Women Food and Agriculture Network
- Missouri's Food for America Family Dairy Farms LLC
- American Public Health Association
- Food & Water Action
- Center for Food Safety
- Public Justice
- Waterkeeper Alliance
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Mighty Earth

On September 9th, 300 groups sent a [letter](#) to Congress urging members to cosponsor the bill. This level of support for the legislation will set it up well for reintroduction and potential action in the next Congress.

Several recent stories about the bill and Sen. Booker's work on CAFOs can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

This bill represents bold action on a very challenging problem with significant vested power in industrial agriculture – points Senator Booker covered during his remarks. While it will take time to build the necessary support for the legislation and create opportunities for action in both the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, it is necessary. The recent letter urging members to cosponsor the bill is a promising step toward bringing greater attention to the issue and the bill.