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More than 60 House lawmakers from both parties are urging leaders to promptly bring the farm bill to the floor.

The letter is aimed at pressuring House Republican leaders, who so far have hesitated to schedule the 600-page legislation that sets the nation's agriculture policy and is critical for lawmakers from rural districts. House Speaker John Boehner said Thursday no decision has been made about how to proceed on the legislation.

"We need to continue to tell the American success story of agriculture and work to ensure we have strong policies in place so that producers can continue to provide an abundant, affordable and safe food supply," wrote Reps. Kristi Noem (R-S.D.) and Peter Welch (D-Vt.) in the letter.

The coalition of signers is as bipartisan as it gets in this Congress: 38 Republicans and 24 Democrats. One is Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.), a member of House Republican leadership. The missive was addressed to Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) and House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.).

The House Agriculture Committee cleared the bill, 35-11, last week. The current farm bill expires Sept. 30.

The Senate passed its farm bill last month.