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Farmers and Families First Announce Advisory Board Committee

WASHINGTON, DC – Farmers and Families First, Inc., today announced the formation of its advisory board made up of farmers, business-owners, public officials and concerned citizens to advocate on behalf of free market-based policies impacting the agricultural community. The formation of the advisory board comes amid rising fears of the proposed mega-merger between Bayer AG and Monsanto Company – a potential deal that would devastate the farming community and raise grocery prices for families.

“This impressive group of agricultural leaders represent a critical and authoritative voice on market-based policies that help America’s farmers and families,” said Dan Conston, chairman for Farmers and Families First, Inc. “With the consequential issues facing farmers and consumers, particularly the Bayer-Monsanto merger, this advisory board will play a key role in guiding public policies impacting cash-strapped Americans and keeping a level playing field.”

A recent [study](#) released by Farmers and Families First outlines how the proposed merger between Bayer AG and Monsanto Company would create a \$66 billion corporation with unprecedented control over the products farmers and agriculture businesses need to grow, and produce and distribute the high quality foods American families need. It’s projected that the merger could raise seed prices for farmers more than 20 percent and raise food prices by 18 percent. The merger is currently under review by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Advisory Board Committee Members by State:

Alabama

Stuart Sanderson, Owner, Sanderson Farms

James Wales, Wales Farms in Huntsville, specializes in cotton

Russ McDonald, Corn and cotton farmer

Arkansas

Chase Gasaway, Owner and Operator, Chase Gasaway Farms and 4th generation farmer
John Curtis Jackson, Part Owner, Jack B. Jackson & Son Partnership Farms

Iowa

Bryan Sievers, Former Iowa State Senator and State Representative; Member of Iowa
Cattlemen's Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association and
Iowa Farm Bureau

Dwight Baldwin, President, Iowa State Grange; National Treasurer, National Grange of the
Order of Patrons of Husbandry

Georgia

Jennifer Swindall, Esq, Major and Planned Gifts Officer, The Shepherd Center Foundation

South Carolina

John Tucker, Former South Carolina State Representative; cotton farmer

Tyson Grinstead, Executive Committeeman, Richland County GOP; backyard poultry farmer

Chad Connelly, Former Chairman, South Carolina Republican Party; family farmer in
Newberry County

Nick Pasternak, Advocate

Graham Duncan, Advocate

Read the full study [here](#).

To learn more about Farmers and Families First and its mission,
visit www.farmersandfamiliesfirst.com.

Farmers and Families First, Inc. is a 501(c)(4) that advocates for free market-based policies to help the American farmers who grow our nation's food and help the American families who consume that food. Our primary goal is to put ideas into action that promote innovation, lower costs through competition, and fairness for farmers and families. For more information, visit www.farmersandfamiliesfirst.com.

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