

# County of Lenoir

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Honorable Governor Roy A. Cooper:

Lenoir County Commissioners supports the attached resolution and respectfully request your consideration.

WHEREAS, agriculture and agribusiness is the number one industry in North Carolina contributing \$85 billion to our State's economy; and

WHEREAS, we enjoy a food supply that is abundant, affordable and among the world's safest, thanks in large part to the efficiency and productivity of North Carolina's farmers; and

WHEREAS, our farmers provide the food, fuel and fiber for our state and our country; and

WHEREAS, agriculture touches the life of everyone, whether it be in our daily meals or the clothes we wear; and

WHEREAS, farming supports other community businesses and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that we are going to need to increase food production by at least 70 percent by 2050 to meet the growing world food demands; and

WHEREAS, we are losing farmland at an alarming rate and it is getting progressively more difficult to recruit and retain farmers willing to work our state's land; and

WHEREAS, we need to support our agricultural industry and our farmers and encourage a safe and abundant food supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners, do hereby support the passage of SB711, the NC Farm Act of 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Hill".

Craig Hill, Chairman  
Lenoir County Board of Commissioners