

To John Harris, Editor, Politico,

Your continued coverage alluding to a degree of nervousness among Trump Cabinet nominees, specifically, Secretary of Agriculture Nominee Governor Sonny Perdue, is a bit of a mystery. I have spoken personally with Governor Perdue and he maintains a full level of confidence in his nomination successfully moving forward, and in the confirmation process that lies ahead in the Senate.

As you know, this has been a busy time for both the Administration and Congress. The nomination and confirmation process does not always move as rapidly as we would all like to see. There is no doubt about it that America's farmers and ranchers are anxious to have Governor Perdue confirmed for his post at USDA, and with the economic challenges currently facing agriculture, the sooner he takes his post the better.

Governor Perdue will be a positive and strong voice for our farm and ranch families, and for our rural communities, within the Trump Administration. I have seen this first hand while working with him during his tenure as Governor of Georgia. He will be a true champion for those of us who work to provide food, feed, fiber, and energy stocks for America. I can tell you personally that he is ready to go to work, with the support of America's farmers and ranchers and with the full trust placed in him by President Trump.

Sincerely,  
Zippy Duvall, President  
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