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Statement from Allison Johnson, NRDC Sustainable Food Advocate, on confirmation of USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack

"NRDC is ready to work with USDA, under the leadership of Secretary Vilsack, to advance critical food and agriculture policies. Those include confronting long-overdue racial injustice in food and farming, addressing consolidation and supporting regional food economies, making crucial improvements to the crop insurance program, and leveraging agriculture's potential as a climate solution. Secretary Vilsack joins a first-rate team that must hit the ground running—taking action to confront the climate crisis, bolster protections for public health, safeguard our natural resources and wildlife, and stand up for environmental justice to protect communities suffering disproportionately from dirty air, polluted waters, and fossil fuel hazards and harm."

– **Allison Johnson, Sustainable Food Policy Advocate, NRDC**