

August 9, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

As the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee that oversees the United Nations (UN) and its agencies, I write to provide my enthusiastic recommendation for Kip Tom of Leesburg, Indiana, to serve as the U.S. Representative to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome. Kip has more than four decades of domestic and international experience related to food and agriculture. I am confident that he would serve as an incredibly effective representative of our country in this position.

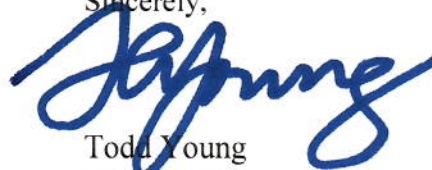
As you know, the U.S. Mission in Rome serves as a link between our government and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP), and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). We need someone in this position who understands these organizations and their missions and who possesses deep knowledge and experience related to agriculture, business, and humanitarian relief. Now more than ever—with millions at risk of starvation and the world confronting the largest humanitarian crises since World War II—we need someone who can represent our interests and values well and work with these organizations to achieve tangible results.

I believe Kip meets and exceeds these requirements to serve in this position. He has devoted his life to promoting agricultural innovation and productivity, which helped him build one of the largest commodity businesses in the Midwest. In addition, he has focused on improving the quality of life for the world's most vulnerable populations. He has visited over twenty-five countries on five continents to further these goals. This domestic business success, combined with international experience, distinguish him as uniquely qualified.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that your administration consider nominating Kip Tom to serve as our nation's Representative to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome. I do not believe you could make a better choice.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Todd Young
U.S. Senator