Please see the attached amendment from Representative Tracey Mann (R-KS).

This amendment would establish a sense of the Committee that burdensome taxation places American farmers and ranchers at a competitive disadvantage in the global marketplace and asks that any changes to stepped-up basis must provide full exemptions for family farms and small businesses, including 8 essential protections which—(A) define an eligible family member to include any person to whom another member in the farming or business operation is related as a lineal ancestor, lineal descendant, sibling, spouse, or otherwise by marriage, niece, nephew, and first cousin; permit all common farming, agricultural, and business practices, including cash renting and leasing land to family members and non-family members; provide equal treatment for all heirs, regardless of their specific farming or other circumstances; and do not impose a deferred tax obligation on any eligible heirs.
AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE PRINT
OFFERED BY MR. MANN OF KANSAS

At the end of subtitle K, add the following:

Section 10002. Sense of the House Committee on Agriculture on any Exemption from Changes to Stepped-up Basis.

It is the sense of the members of the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives that—

1. burdensome taxation places American farmers and ranchers at a competitive disadvantage in the global marketplace;
2. United States crop land values have increased by 75 percent in the last 15 years;
3. crop and pasture land ownership is an integral part of profitability for many producers;
4. certain tax changes enacted to pay for this package could have a devastating impact on our family farms and local economies;
5. the repeal of stepped-up basis for capital gains and immediate taxation could especially hurt family farms, some of which have been in families for generations;
(6) the requirement to recognize capital gains at death runs the risk of forcing farms and ranches to sell part, or all, of a farm that may have been passed down for several generations in order to pay the tax burden;

(7) changes to stepped-up basis would force farmers to break up land that may have been in their family for decades and seriously impact their ability to remain economically viable;

(8) eliminating stepped-up basis without an exemption for our farmers presents administrative difficulties, because farms, machinery, and some small businesses may be illiquid or difficult to value;

(9) farms, ranches, and some family businesses require strong protections from this tax change to ensure they are not forced to be liquidated or sold off for parts, and that need is even stronger for those farms that have been held for generations;

(10) many of our constituents started working on their family's farm when they were children, or built their farm with the intention of passing it on to their relatives, and we must ensure that their kids or grandkids are able to continue working that land for future generations;
(11) additional input from representatives of
rural districts is imperative to ensure any potential
changes to stepped-up basis for capital gains taxes
are properly executed; and

(12) any changes to stepped-up basis must pro-
vide full exemptions for family farms and small busi-
nesses that are critical to our communities, including
essential protections which—

(A) define an eligible family member to in-
clude any person to whom another member in
the farming or business operation is related as
a lineal ancestor, lineal descendent, sibling,
spouse, or otherwise by marriage, niece, neph-
ew, and first cousin;

(B) permit all common farming, agricul-
tural, and business practices, including cash
renting and leasing land to family members and
non-family members;

(C) provide equal treatment for all heirs,
regardless of their specific farming or other cir-
cumstances; and

(D) do not impose a deferred tax obliga-
tion on any eligible heirs.