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**Statement from Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson regarding the U.S. Senate Confirmation Hearing
of U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Nominee**

JACKSON, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson gave the following statement regarding the U.S. Senate Confirmation Hearing of U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Nominee Brooke Rollins.

It was with keen interest that I listened to the U.S. Senate Confirmation Hearing for Brooke Rollins, President Donald J. Trump’s nominee to serve as our next U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

Along with the numerous Senators who posed questions, I am greatly impressed with Rollins’ understanding of the tremendous issues facing agriculture today. I was equally impressed with her vision for the future of agriculture and her plan to tackle serious issues such as deploying disaster and economic assistance to farmers, engaging with solutions to fight animal disease including bird flu, and working toward long-term prosperity for rural America. I also appreciated our own Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith’s questions focusing on standing up for our U.S. catfish producers whose markets are being overwhelmed by record amounts of foreign fish imports, threatening the U.S. catfish industry.

As indicated in my support letter for her nomination, it is clear to me that Brooke Rollins understands the immediate and long-term needs of American agriculture, and I look forward to her swift confirmation by the U.S. Senate. In addition, I look forward to working with Secretary Rollins in 2025 and beyond, as we work toward a brighter future for our farmers right here in Mississippi and across our great United States of America.

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