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The Honorable Collin Peterson, Chairman  
House Agriculture Committee  
1300 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Peterson:

We sincerely appreciate your continuous efforts to write a strong, balanced farm bill that meets the standards of our current budget constraints.

During today's meeting, the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors had an extensive discussion about the Chairman's mark you released last Friday. The board supports your proposal as one that provides a strong safety net for producers while providing funding for critical conservation, rural development, nutrition and energy programs.

Farm Bureau, like Congress, must balance the interests of all sectors of American agriculture. The Farm Bureau board is cognizant of that fact and it thinks the Chairman's mark represents the largest measure of fairness to various interests represented in the bill.

The board also recognizes that the farm bill debate is far from over and that changes are likely in the coming weeks. The board will be particularly watchful of changes to payment limitations and adjusted gross income caps. We continue to strongly oppose changes to means testing and payment limitations.

We appreciate your commitment to agriculture and look forward to continuing to work with you on the farm bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Stallman'.

Bob Stallman  
President

cc: House Agriculture Committee Members