

May 13, 2008

U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

As the U.S. House of Representatives prepares for final consideration of the 2008 Farm Bill, the organizations listed below strongly urge you to vote in favor of the Conference Report.

Communities across the nation, from urban to rural have been waiting too long for this legislation. The Conference Report makes significant farm policy reforms, protects the safety net for all of America's food producers, addresses important infrastructure needs for specialty crops, increases funding to feed our nation's poor, and enhances support for important conservation initiatives.

This is by no means a perfect piece of legislation, and none of our organizations achieved everything we had individually requested. However, it is a carefully balanced compromise of policy priorities that has broad support among organizations representing the nation's agriculture, conservation, and nutrition interests.

Our organizations applaud the strong bipartisan leadership demonstrated in Congress to authorize and approve a strong new five-year Farm Bill. Sound policy and long-term certainty are absolutely essential to everyone served by the Farm Bill, and the final Conference Report provides both.

Again, we urge you to support communities across America – rural, urban and suburban, by voting in favor of the 2008 Farm Bill Conference Report.

Sincerely,

Abiding Love Food Pantry (TX)
ACORN
ACS, Emergency Food Pantry (TX)
AgCountry Farm Credit Services
AgFirst Farm Credit Bank
AgPreference
AgriBank
Agricultural Council of Arkansas
Agricultural Retailers Association
Agri-Mark Inc.
AgSouth Farm Credit
AgStar Financial Services
Alabama Contract Poultry Growers Association
Alabama Peanut Producers Association
Alabama State Association of Food Banks
Alabama Women Involved in Farm Economics
Alameda County Community Food Bank (CA)
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Alliance for Children and Families
Alliance for Rail Competition

America Cargo Transport Corporation
America's Second Harvest
American AgCredit
American Agriculture Movement
American Agriculture Movement of Arkansas
American Association of Crop Insurers
American Beekeeping Federation
American Cane Sugar Refiners' Association
American Commodity Distribution Association
American Corn Growers Association
American Cotton Shippers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Farmland Trust
American Grassfed Association
American Malting Barley Association
American Maritime Congress
American Maritime Officers
American Maritime Officers Service
American Meat Goat Association
American Public Power Association
American Sheep Industry Association
American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Cane League
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
Americans for Indian Opportunity (NM)
Annunciation Church Food Pantry (NY)
Arizona Community Action Association
Arkansas Farmers Union
Arnold Food Pantry (MO)
Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
Association for Children of New Jersey
Association of Arizona Food Banks
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors (PA)
Atlanta Community Food Bank (GA)
Bay Area Food Bank (AL)
Bedstuy Campaign Against Hunger (NY)
Blue Mountain Action Council (WA)
Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Network (VA)
Bookkeeping Services (AK)
Boys & Girls Club of Central Texas
Bradley Food Pantry (NJ)
Bread of Life Ministries of AR, Inc. (AR)
BRIDGES Healthy Cooking School (CT)
Burke Center for Youth (TX)
C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation (IL)
California Association of Food Banks
California Food Policy Advocates
California Hunger Action Coalition

California School Employees Association
Campaign for Contract Agriculture Reform
Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association
Capital Area Food Bank (DC)
Capital Area Food Bank of Texas
CASA del Llano (TX)
Cascade - Blue Mt. Food Share (WA)
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton (CA)
Catholic Parish Outreach (NC)
Cattle Producers of Washington
Center for Civil Justice (MI)
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) (DC)
Center for Public Policy Priorities (TX)
Center for SEAL (support, education, advocacy, leadership) (AK)
Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
Central Utah Food Sharing
Central Virginia Food Bank
Channels Food Rescue (PA)
Children's Alliance (WA)
Children's Sentinel Nutrition Assessment Program (MA)
Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations
Coalition on Human Needs (DC)
CoBank
Collaborative Center for Justice (CT)
Colonial Farm Credit
Colorado Anti-Hunger Network
Colorado Independent Cattlegrowers Association
Community Action Partnership (DC)
Community Action Services and Food Bank (UT)
Community Food Bank (CA)
Community FoodBank of New Jersey
Community Services of Moses Lake, Inc. (WA)
Comstock Community Center (MI)
Congregation Emanu-El (CA)
Congressional Hunger Center
Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition (CT)
Connecticut Association for Community Action
Connecticut Association for Human Services
Connecticut Food Bank
Connecticut Food Policy Council
Conquer Hunger And Needy Together (CHANT) (NJ)
Consumer Direct Personal Care (AK)
Cooperative Milk Producers Association
Corn Producers Association of Texas
Corporation for Enterprise Development
Cotton Warehouse Association of America
Council of Churches Johnstown Food Pantry (NY)
Covenant Soup Kitchen (CT)
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation (OH)
Crop Insurance Professionals Association

Crop Insurance Research Bureau
CropLife America
Daily Bread Soup Kitchen (NY)
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.
Dairylea Cooperative Inc.
Dare To Care Food Bank (KY)
Denver Urban Ministries
Desert Cities Hunger Action (CA)
Downtown Youth Center (DTYC) (CA)
East Side Soup Kitchen (MI)
Economic Opportunity Commission Direct Services (CA)
Edibles Advocate Alliance, LLC (CT)
El Buen Samaritano (TX)
Emergency Food Bank Stockton/San Joaquin (CA)
Emergency Food Network of Tacoma/Pierce County (WA)
Emmaus House of Saginaw, Inc. (MI)
Empire Justice Center (NY)
End Hunger Connecticut!
EOC Direct Services (CA)
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America-Washington State
FACES NY Inc. (NY)
Families USA (DC)
Family Dairies USA
Family Promise of Monmouth County (NJ)
FareStart (WA)
Farm Credit Bank of Texas
Farm Credit Council
Farm Credit of Central Florida
Farm Credit of Central Oklahoma
Farm Credit of Ness City
Farm Credit of New Mexico
Farm Credit of North Florida
Farm Credit of Southern Colorado
Farm Credit of Southwest Florida
Farm Credit of the Virginias
Farm Credit of Western New York
Farm Credit Services of America
Farm Credit Services of Colusa-Glenn
Farm Credit Services of East Central Oklahoma
Farm Credit Services of Mandan
Farm Credit Services of North Dakota
Farm Credit Services of the Mountain Plains
Farm Credit West
Farm Fresh Rhode Island
Farmers Union Industries, LLC (MN)
Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund (GA)
Feed My People (MO)
Ferris Counseling Services (MO)
First AgCredit, FCS
First District Association (MN)

First Pioneer Farm Credit
First Presbyterian Church (LA)
First South Farm Credit, ACA
FISH Food Banks of Pierce County (WA)
FLBA of South Alabama
Florida Farmers, Inc.
Florida Impact
Florida Legal Services, Inc.
Florida Peanut Producers Association
Florida Sugar Cane League
Focus: HOPE (MI)
Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo Co. (CA)
Food Bank Council of Michigan
Food Bank for Monterey County (CA)
Food Bank for New York City
Food Bank of Abilene (TX)
Food Bank of Alaska
Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina
Food Bank of Central New York
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano (CA)
Food Bank of Iowa
Food Bank of North Alabama
Food Bank of Northeast LA/Americas Second Harvest
Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana
Food Bank of San Luis Obispo County (CA)
Food Bank of the Hudson Valley (NY)
Food For All (NY)
Food Lifeline (WA)
Food Research and Action Center
FOOD Share, Inc. (CA)
FoodChange (NY)
Foremost Farms, USA (WI)
Forgotten Harvest (MI)
Freehold Area Open Door, Inc. (NJ)
Fremont Public Association (WA)
Fresno Metro Ministry (CA)
Frontier Farm Credit
Full Gospel Tabernacle (NY)
Georgia Peanut Commission
Georgia Poultry Justice Alliance
Georgia Rural Urban Summit
Gleaners Community Food Bank (MI)
Gleaners Community Food Bank of SE Michigan (MI)
Global Container Lines Limited
Good Samaritan (MI)
Grace Christian Church (NJ)
Grace Resource Center (CA)
Great Plains Ag Credit
Greater Christ Gospel Food Pantry (TX)
Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger (PA)

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (PA)
Harvest Hope Food Bank (SC)
Hawaii Sugar Growers
Helping Hand Crisis Ministry of Spicewood (TX)
Heritage Land Bank
Hispanic Health Council (CT)
HOPE Ministries (LA)
Hope-Net (CA)
Houston Food Bank (TX)
HRC Food Bank, Calaveras County (CA)
Hunger Solutions Minnesota
Hunger Task Force (WI)
Hyde Park Baptist Church Food Pantry (TX)
Idaho Agricultural Credit Association
Idaho Community Action Network
Idaho Rural Council
Illinois Farmers Union
Illinois Hunger Coalition
Imperial Valley Food Bank (CA)
Independent Beef Association of North Dakota
Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska
Independent Community Bankers of America
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America
Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas
Indiana Coalition for Human Services
Indiana Farmers Union
Indiana Plant Food & Ag Chemical Association
Insight Center for Community Economic Development (CA)
Interfaith Council of Amador (CA)
International Organization of Masters Mates & Pilots
Intertribal Agriculture Council
Iowa Farmers Union
Iris House, Inc. (NY)
James Weldon Johnson Head Start (NY)
Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights (NY)
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Jewish Family & Children's Service (MO)
Jubilee Christian Center Food Pantry (TX)
Just Harvest (PA)
Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes (MI)
Kansas Cattlemen's Association
Kansas Farmers Union
Kenai Peninsula Food Bank (AK)
Kentucky Task Force on Hunger
Kingsley House (LA)
Lake Shore Baptist Church Food Pantry (TX)
Land O' Lakes, Inc
Let Justice Roll (IL)
Liberty Maritime Corporation
Lifelong AIDS Alliance (WA)

Local Food Dude (CT)
Love of Christ (TX)
Lubbock, Texas Chamber of Commerce
Lunch Break of Red Bank (NJ)
LUNCH Program (LA)
Lutheran Office of Delaware Public Advisory Committee
MACC Charities (CT)
Maersk Line, Limited
Manitowoc Milk Producers Cooperative (WI)
MANNA (TN)
MANNA FoodBank (NC)
Marine Engineers Beneficial Association
Maritime Institute for Research and Industrial Development
Mary Lee Foundation (TX)
Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc.
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MA)
MAZON--A Jewish Response to Hunger (CA)
McClendon Center (DC)
Mel Trotter Ministries (MI)
Merced-Mariposa Cattlemen's Association (CA)
Mercer Street Friends Food Bank (NJ)
Michigan Agri-Business Association
Michigan Bean Shippers Association
Michigan Farmers Union
Michigan Milk Producers Association
Midwest Dairy Coalition
Mid-West Dairymen's Company (IL)
Midwestern Legislative Conference of CSG
Migrant Legal Action Program (DC)
Minnesota Association of Cooperatives
Minnesota Corn Growers Association
Minnesota Crop Production Retailers
Minnesota Farmers Union
Minnesota FoodShare
Mississippi Contract Poultry Growers Association
Missouri Association for Social Welfare
Missouri Dairy Association
Missouri Farmers Union
Montana Farmers Union
Montana Women Involved In Farm Economics
Montgomery County Community Action Development Commission (PA)
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (NC)
MSUE Oakland County (MI)
National Association of Conservation Districts
National Association of Counties
National Association of Farmer Elected Committees
National Association of Farmers Market Nutrition Programs
National Association of Produce Market Managers
National Association of Professional Insurance Agents
National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils

National Association of Social Workers (CT)
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Biodiesel Board
National Bison Association
National Center for Appropriate Technology
National Center for Law and Economic Justice (NY)
National Center on Poverty Law (IL)
National Commodity Supplemental Food Program Association (SD)
National Community Action Foundation (DC)
National Conservation District Employees Association
National Consumers League
National Cooperative Business Association
National Cooperative Grocers Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Textile Organizations
National Farmers Market Coalition
National Farmers Organization
National Farmers Union
National Grange
National Head Start Association
National Hmong American Farmers, Inc.
National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Association
National Milk Producers Federation
National Mission Committee of the Wayne Presbyterian Church (PA)
National Organic Coalition
National Priorities Project (MA)
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
National Sorghum Producers Association
National Sunflower Association
National Wild Turkey Federation
National Women's Law Center
Nebraska Farmers Union
Nebraska State Grange
Nebraska Women Involved in Farm Economics
Neighborhood Visitor Program – EACM (KY)
New Destiny Outreach Ministries (NC)
New England Farmers Union
New England Fuel Institute
New Mexico Center on Law & Poverty
New Mexico Peanut Growers Association
New Mexico Voices for Children
New York City Coalition Against Hunger
New York State National Farmers Organization
North American Deer Farmers Association
North Blenheim UMC Food Pantry (NY)

North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers Land Loss Prevention Project
North Carolina Contract Poultry Growers Association
North Carolina Cotton Producers Association, Inc.
North Carolina Peanut Growers Association
North Dakota Farmers Union
North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association
North Dakota Propane Gas Association
North Dakota Retail Association
North Texas Food Bank
Northeast Dairy Farmers Cooperatives
Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship
Northern California Farm Credit
Northwest Dairy Association (WA)
Northwest Federation of Community Organizations (WA)
Northwest Harvest (WA)
Northwest Settlement House (DC)
Nutrition Consortium of NYS (NY)
Oceano Community Center (CA)
Office of Kentucky Legal Services Programs
Ohio Farmers Union
Oklahoma Agribusiness Retailers Association
Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project
Oklahoma Cotton Council
Oklahoma Grain and Feed Association
Operational Emergency Center (WA)
Oregon Farmers Union
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force
Organización en California de Lideres Campesinas
Panhandle Peanut Growers Association
Panhandle-Plains Land Bank
Partners in Ending Hunger (ME)
Peanut Growers Cooperative Marketing Association
Peggy Cole Ministries Int'l (CA)
Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks, Inc.
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Pennsylvania Farmers Union
Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center
Pennypack Farm Education Center for Sustainable Food Systems
People's Place Food Pantry (NY)
Pheasants Forever
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (TX)
Progressive Farm Credit Services
Project Bread/The Walk for Hunger (MA)
Project Hospitality, Inc. (NY)
Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition (AZ)
Putnam Valley Community Food Pantry Ltd. (NY)
Quail Forever
Ransom Everglades School (FL)
R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America

RECAP Inc. Emergency Food Pantry (NY)
Redwood Empire Food Bank (CA)
Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York
Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (DC)
RESULTS (DC)
Ricebelt Warehouses
Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers
River Bend Food Bank (IL)
Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
Rolling Plains Cotton Growers (TX)
Room at the Inn (MO)
Rotary First Harvest (WA)
Rural Advancement Foundation International – USA
Rural Advancement Fund
Rural Coalition/ Coalición Rural
Rural Community Insurance Services
Rural Opportunities, Inc. (NY)
Sailors Union of the Pacific
San Francisco Javier Catholic Church (TX)
San Luis Obispo County YMCA (CA)
San Luis Obispo Food Bank Coalition (CA)
San Luis Obispo Supported Living, Inc. (CA)
Save-A-Lot Food Stores (MI)
School Nutrition Association
Seafarers International Union
Sealift, Inc.
SeaView Community Services (AK)
Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and NE Pennsylvania
Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee
Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties (CA)
Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties (CA)
Secular Franciscan Order (NY)
Seward Senior Center (AK)
Share Our Strength (DC)
Shriver Center on Poverty Law (IL)
Slow Food Utah
Smithville Food Pantry (TX)
Solid Ground (WA)
South Carolina Fertilizer & Agrichemicals Association
South Carolina Peanut Growers Association
South Dakota Farmers Union
South Dakota Sheep Growers
South Dakota Stockgrowers Association
South East Dairy Farmers Association
South Texas Food Bank
Southern Cotton Growers, Inc (AL, FL, GA, NC, SC & VA)
Southern Crop Production Association
Southern New Hampshire Services Inc.
Southern Peanut Farmers Federation
Southern Shrimp Alliance

Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group
Southwest Council of Agribusiness
Soybean Producers of America
Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance
St. Albans Cooperative Creamery Inc.
St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Organization of Garden City(TX)
St. Mary's Food Bank (AZ)
St. Vincent de Paul Society (NJ)
State Agriculture and Rural Leaders
Statewide Emergency Food and Anti-Hunger Network (NJ)
Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida
Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless (NY)
Tanglewood Baptist Church Food Pantry (TX)
TEFAP Alliance (TX)
Texas Cotton Ginners' Association
Texas Cotton Producers, Inc.
Texas Grain Sorghum Association
Texas Peanut Growers Association
Texas Peanut Producers Board
Texas Rice Producers Legislative Group
Texas Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association
Texas Wheat Producers Association
The Addictions Care Center of Albany, Inc (NY)
The Advocacy for the Poor, Inc, Winston-Salem (NC)
The Altamont House Rehabilitation Center (NY)
The Association of Equipment Manufacturers
The Center in Asbury Park (NJ)
The Church of God of Prophecy (NC)
The New Mexico Center on Law & Poverty
The Pantry at St. Patricks – Ravena (NY)
The Resource Center (MI)
The Salvation Army (NJ)
The Salvation Army Copperas Cove (TX)
The Workforce Alliance (DC)
Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) (CT)
Three Square (NV)
Thurston County Food Bank (WA)
Tillamook County Creamery Association (OR)
Tobacco Valley Food Pantry (MT)
Tosi Maritime Consultants, LLC
Transitional Food and Shelter, Inc. (CA)
Transitions Mental Health Association (CA)
Transportation Institute
U.S. AgBank
U.S. Beet Sugar Association
U.S. Canola Association
U.S. Cattlemen’s Association
UCHM (KY)
Union for Reform Judaism (DC)
United Dairymen of Arizona

United Egg Producers
United Farm Credit Services
United Maritime Group, LLC
United Way of New York City: Emergency Food & Shelter Program
University District Food Bank (WA)
Upstate-Niagara Cooperative, Inc. (NY)
US Dry Bean Council
US Rice Producers Association
USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council
USA Rice Federation
Utah Community Action Partnership Association
Utah Farmers Union
Utahans Against Hunger
Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger
Vermont Foodbank
Village Community Resource Center (CA)
Virginia Cotton Growers Association
Virginia Peanut Growers Association
Virginia Poverty Law Center
Virginia State Dairymen's Association
Voices for America's Children (DC)
Walsh & Weathers Research and Policy Studies (UT)
Washington Farmers Union
West Side Campaign Against Hunger, New York City
Western Peanut Growers Association
Westmoreland County Food Bank (PA)
WIC Association of New York State
WIC at West Central Community Center Spokane (WA)
Wisconsin Crop Production Association
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
Wisconsin Farmers Union
Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives
Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)
Worcester County Food Bank (MA)
World Wide Missionary Movement Inc Food Pantry Program (NY)
Xaverian Brothers USA (MD)
Yankee Farm Credit