



Crop Insurance Professionals Association, LLC

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Dear Representative:

The Crop Insurance Professionals Association (CIPA) representing crop insurance agents nationwide urges you to support the Farm Bill.

Crop insurance has contributed \$17 billion to deficit reduction through the 2008 Farm Bill, the renegotiation of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement, and through premium rerating. While these cuts have been extremely difficult on private sector delivery, causing consolidations and reductions in force, we still greatly pride ourselves on working overtime to ensure our farmer customers purchase the risk management tools that they need to stay afloat and farm another day in the event that natural disaster strikes.

The number one ask of the Congress in this Farm Bill was to, first, do no harm to crop insurance, something that every farmer in America depends upon. Our producer customers are borrowing more money every year to produce a crop than most Americans will borrow in a life time and the banker requires insurance to lend that kind of money. But, because farming is so risky, wholly private insurance is not available. Thanks to Federal Crop Insurance, however, private sector companies and agents are able to meet this need.

This Farm Bill honors the main request of farm families across America by protecting and preserving Federal Crop Insurance.

For this, we thank you and urge you to honor the men and women who feed and clothe our nation as no other nation on earth has known. We are truly blessed to live in America. Please vote yes on the Farm Bill.

Sincerely,

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