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The Honorable Collin C. Peterson U.S. House of Representatives 2211 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-2307

Dear Representative Peterson:

We are writing to urge your support for the agricultural disaster assistance portion of the supplemental spending bill.

Virtually every state in the nation has been impacted by significant weather-related and disaster losses over the last three years due to devastating hurricanes, fires, floods, excessive moisture and severe drought. Besides heavy crop and livestock losses and increased production costs associated with rapidly escalating input costs, many producers also face contaminated fields and infrastructure losses that pose serious, long-term challenges to economic recovery.

Prompt action on this measure is vitally important. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Bob Stallman President