



## VOTE TODAY

March 22, 2007

Dear Representative:

I write to respectfully urge you to support passage of the FY07 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill with agricultural disaster assistance. This vote will be one of the most significant vote cast this Congress impacting rural America!

Over the past two years, a broad coalition of more than 30 agriculture and rural-related organizations has called for agricultural disaster assistance. This broad coalition exists because virtually every state in the nation has been impacted by significant weather-related and disaster losses either in 2005, 2006 or 2007. In 2005 alone, roughly 80 percent of U.S. counties were declared disaster or contiguous disaster counties 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.

Please support family farmers and ranchers by voting in favor of agricultural disaster assistance and the FY07 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Buis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tom Buis, President  
National Farmers Union