

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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## **A Strong Farm Bill = Food Safety for America** *MAINTAIN THE SAFETY NET FOR AMERICA'S FARMERS*

Dear Colleague:

Last week, Members of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management voted to extend the 2002 Farm Bill's commodity programs. As many of you are aware, the Commodity Title in the 2002 Farm Bill provides a crucial safety net for America's farmers which allow them to provide our country with a safe and secure food and fiber supply. Without this safe, domestic supply of food and fiber our nation would be forced to import our food from other countries, a grave threat to our health and security.

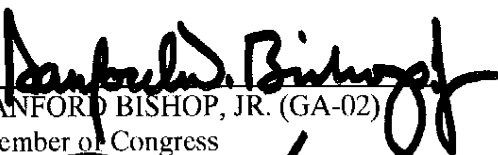
This action by the House Agriculture Commodity Subcommittee sent a strong message to our nation's producers – we support you. Many of us see the danger of depending completely on foreign production of our food. We need to ensure that we continue to have the safest and most abundant food supply in the world – something we cannot outsource to other countries. We also cannot subject our citizens to food from countries lacking proper inspection and health regulations. The bottom line is that the 2002 Farm Bill works.

As reauthorization of the Farm Bill continues, we urge you to join us in support of America's farmers. It is vital to this country to ensure that our farmers have an adequate safety net in order to preserve our safe and affordable food and fiber supply.

Sincerely,

  
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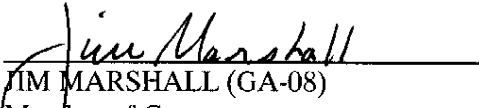
  
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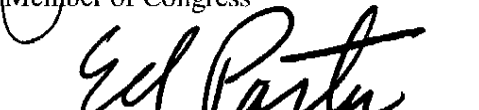
  
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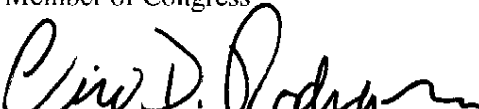
  
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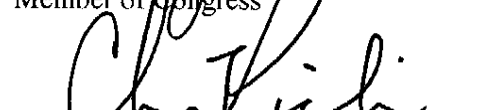
  
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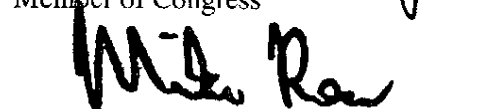
  
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