



Dear Speaker Pelosi,

We are writing to ask you to delay floor action on the farm bill until the full implications of its payment limitation increase can be examined and discussed by the public.

The Committee bill provides a big increase in subsidies for mega-farms to drive smaller operations out of business. Under this legislation, the government would spend more to destroy family farming.

The public was misled by statements that the committee was acting to tighten farm payment limitations. Truth be told, the limit on direct farm payments was increased from \$80,000 to \$120,000 for married farmers. Only single farmers will face a small payment limitation reduction.

The provision denying payments to couples with more than \$2 million of income does not make up for the damage done by increasing the payment limitation. Rich landlords will get around the income limit by forcing their tenants to pay cash rents - so the farmer can get the payment and the landlord can capture it through cash rent. And mega-farm can easily keep taxable income below \$2 million by reinvesting earnings in expansion.

Family farmers and the American public have been sold a bill of goods. They need time to learn the truth and express their views.

Please delay action on this farm bill until after the August recess to enable family farmers and the America public to express their views on this legislation to increase subsidies to mega farms to drive smaller operations out of business.

Sincerely,

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