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October 23, 2007

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Nutrition and Forestry  
Washington D.C. 20150

The Honorable Saxby Chambliss  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Nutrition and Forestry  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Chambliss:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of Paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in any congressionally directed spending item that I requested that is contained in the *Farm Bill Act*, as reported by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

These include:

- 1) The Pigford Claims Remedy Act – Any African American farmer who filed a late claim under the Pigford Consent Decree who was discriminated against by USDA regarding FSA loans.
- 2) Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network – Community health networks who will apply for grants to provide behavioral health services to farmers and ranchers.
- 3) National Testing Center for Biobased Products – Grants for centers to conduct content and performance standards on biobased products, lubricants, and petroleum substitutes.
- 4) PUBTIR – grants to US Universities for extension and rural outreach program in Mexico; education an outreach initiatives to address how rural poverty drives illegal immigration.
- 5) Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program – nationwide program for new farmers to secure financing and receive training.

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- 6) Rural Strategic Investment Program – nationwide program for grants for rural strategic planning with an emphasis on entrepreneurship and innovation grants to regional boards with public/private partnerships.
- 7) Study on the impacts of CERCLA on agricultural operations – USDA study

Sincerely,

  
Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senator

cc: Clerk of the Senate Agriculture Committee

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