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The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
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328A Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Saxby Chambliss
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Chambliss:

I submitted the following spending item for your consideration for inclusion in Farm Bill legislation the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is developing to extend and revise agricultural and related programs. This letter certifies that neither I nor my immediate family, including my spouse, Catherine Stevens, has a pecuniary interest in my request; and is in addition to the certification letter I sent you on October 15.

- Include the Denali Commission as an eligible entity to receive grants from the Secretary of Agriculture through the Grants for Water Systems for Rural and Native Villages in Alaska program, Section 6011 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-171). These grants would be used to improve solid waste disposal sites that are contaminating or threatening to contaminate rural drink water supplies in the State of Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact my staff, Kate Williams (4-8158) with questions about any of my requests.

With best wishes,

Cordially,



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Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Chambliss:

I submitted the following five (5) spending items for your consideration for inclusion in Farm Bill legislation the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is developing to extend and revise agricultural and related programs. This letter certifies that neither I nor my immediate family, including my spouse, Catherine Stevens, has a pecuniary interest in these items.

- Reauthorize the Regional Equity provision (Section 1241(c)) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-171). This provision authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to give priority for funding under conservation programs to approved applicants in any State that has not received an aggregate amount of at least \$12 million for those conservation programs for the fiscal year.
- Reauthorize through 2012 the Grants for Water Systems for Rural and Native Villages in Alaska (Section 6011) program included in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Section P.L. 107-171). This program authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make \$30 million in grants each fiscal year to the State of Alaska for the benefit of rural or Native villages in Alaska to provide for the development and construction of water and wastewater systems to improve the health and sanitation conditions in those villages.

- Reauthorize through 2012 the programs for education grants to Alaska Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions established by Section 759 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-78). This program authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make \$10 million in competitive or other grants in each fiscal year to Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian serving institutions for the purpose of promoting and strengthening the ability of these institutions to carry out education, applied research, and related community development programs.
- Authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers reimbursement payments up to a total of \$15 million each fiscal year for certain production and transportation costs. The amount of the reimbursement would be based on the percentage of the allowance for that fiscal year made under Section 5941 of Title 5 of the U.S. Code for federal employees stationed in Alaska and Hawaii.
- Establish an integrated program of research, extension, and instruction in land-grant colleges and universities located in the Pacific Region of the U.S., including American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marian Islands, Federated states of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, State of Hawaii, and State of Alaska. Authorize such sums as are necessary to carry out the program for each fiscal year 2008 through 2012.

Thank you for your consideration of my requests.

With best wishes,

Cordially,



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