

March 3, 2010

The Honorable Ike Skelton  
2206 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Skelton:

On behalf of American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest general farm organization with more than 6 million member families in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, I want to applaud your introduction of H. J. Res. 76, a resolution to disapprove EPA's proposal to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. American Farm Bureau strongly supports your legislation and we are working with state Farm Bureaus across the country to generate support for your bipartisan effort.

There is no question that if EPA is allowed to move forward on its proposal, the outcome would be harmful to farms and ranchers. Energy costs will rise. Fertilizer prices will undoubtedly be affected. For the first time in history, it appears likely that even medium- and small-sized farming operations might have to comply with Title V permitting requirements, which will impose additional costs on producers. Such policy decisions, which will affect the entire U.S. economy for decades to come, should be made by elected officials, not by a regulatory agency.

Your legislation is the appropriate response to EPA's proposal, which is economically harmful, legally suspect and environmentally indefensible. It will not weaken any environmental protections, but it will simply provide Congress the opportunity to debate and legislate in this area. We value the leadership you have shown on this important issue, and we look forward to working with you in scheduling this measure for debate and a vote in the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,



Bob Stallman  
President