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The Honorable Geoff Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
1119 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Davis,

Kentucky Farm Bureau, the largest general farm organization in our Commonwealth representing over 500,000 member families, is pleased to express support for H.R. 10, the "Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act." As you are keenly aware, excessive regulatory oversight has the potential to severely impact all aspects of agricultural production as well as the overall economy.

Kentucky Farm Bureau policy clearly speaks to the imposition of excessive rules or regulations stating, *"We oppose the enactment of regulations that go beyond the intent and authority of state and federal laws."* Policy also clearly speaks to the need for regulatory oversight, *"We call for review of all regulations that encroach on the rights of agricultural property owners."* American Farm Bureau policy also speaks clearly to the responsibility of Congressional oversight of regulations stating, *"We believe that Congress should provide for strong congressional oversight of regulatory and significant agency actions as well as a willingness to override unacceptable agency actions. Further, we support more vigorous congressional scrutiny of agencies to prohibit regulatory agencies from administering laws, to deter adoption of agency rules and actions that circumvent statutory intent."*

Rules and regulations imposed by federal agencies should clearly follow the original congressional intent and be based on sound, peer-reviewed science. Failure to follow this doctrine will result in economically burdensome and unrealistic rules and regulations that will put our entire economy in jeopardy.

The REINS Act clearly fits within Farm Bureau policy, and will provide clear direction for the review of all major rules and regulations to insure the intent of Congress is followed. Thank you for your leadership on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Haney'.

Mark Haney
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cc: Congressman Ed Whitfield, Congressman Brett Guthrie, Congressman John Yarmuth, Congressman Hal Rogers, Congressman Ben Chandler, Mr. Eddie Melton, Mr. J. Fritz Giesecke, Kentucky Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Mr. David S. Beck, Mr. Jeff Harper, Mr. L. Joe Cain

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The Honorable Rand Paul
United States Senate
208 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Paul,

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