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Chief Arlen Lancaster
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Dear Chief Lancaster:

I am writing in regards to the Wetlands Reserve Program on behalf of Mike Dyson of McAlester, Oklahoma. In September of 2008, Mr. Dyson received news that, following an appraisal of his property and a tentative offer, there were insufficient funds for the program and he would have to reapply after your new fiscal year of October 1, 2008. He is, however, ineligible for enrollment in the Wetlands Reserve Program due to the 2008 Farm Bill which provides that no easement shall be created on land that had changed ownership during the preceding seven years.

This program will be an immense asset to the Dyson family. Therefore, as you move forward with your rule making process, I ask your consideration in either grandfathering in, or providing waivers for situations similar to Mr. Dyson's. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Feel free to contact Wendy Kirchoff in my office at 202-225-2701 should you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,

Dan Boren
 Member of Congress

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