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RE	Re: Docket Number NRCS- IFR-08005" Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Final Rules

COVER MESSAGE

Financial Assistance Programs Division
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.
Room 5237S
Washington, DC 20250-2890

Re: Docket Number NRCS- IFR-08005" Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Final Rules

April 17, 2009

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

I recommend that the NRCS amend the EQIP rule to prohibit the use of EQIP funding for animal waste storage, treatment or transportation for new or expanding CAFOs and that the EQIP rule does not allow waivers to increase assistance to CAFOs above the \$300,000 payment limit.

Factory farming is the most egregious form of modern slavery that we turn a blind eye to in the name of 'feeding' humans. In fact, meat consumption is not a healthy choice for humans, contributing to heart disease, obesity and various types of cancers thereby increasing our national health expenditure, it pollutes the environment causing waste runoff to pollute our fruits and vegetables, it destroys our forests, it puts small, local farmers out of business, it supports poor working conditions for slaughterhouse laborers, it contributes to global warming more than all the transportation combined, it robs the world of plentiful grain that could feed people instead of feeding animals which after much energy consumption, will render far less meat than the amount of grain that could feed people directly.

In short, there is nothing good about factory farming and everything bad about it. This is one issue for which there should be no dispute. It is time to stop supporting this black hole of an industry and give our support and funding to sustainable agriculture. There is simple no excuse to do otherwise and it will be a significant mark on the Obama administration's record, of what they choose to be remembered for.

Sincerely,

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