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Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) Final Rules

Dear Sec Vilsack,

Stand up for family farmers & organic farmers - Encourage healthful farming, agricultural practices

Halt taxpayer bailouts for CAFOS & factory farms + encourage jobs + assisting our own sustainable small family farmers for strong American rural communities -

USDA needs to ensure that EQIP rule be clarified in accordance w/ 2008 Farm Bill + that EQIP (taxpayer paid) assistance is available for ALL farmers & ranchers for whole farm conservation planning - The final EQIP rule must PROHIBIT EQIP funding for animal waste storage - Numerous studies attest that corporate CAFO's have negative impact on water quality + human health (bacteria) EQual rights for Organic farmers & Ranchers

Mrs - Deborah Brown