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Re: Docket Number NRCS- IFR-08005

In regard to the USDA action under the subject Docket Number, I offer the following comments for your consideration:

Despite lobbying pressure to provide an easy waiver or loophole, I urge you to continue to apply the \$300,000 payment limitation on EQIP contracts and resist.

The organic conversion program is very important to me and to farmers all over the country. Please ensure that the program is readily available to farmers in all the counties in every state.

It is important that USDA end the present practice of financing the construction expansion or modification to huge manure pits for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO). This is a matter of restoring the previous ban on such funding; please take that action.

Another issue very important to farmers: the inclusion of specific language in the rule recognizing the need to protect pollinator and pollinator habitat, organic systems, grazing management and energy conservation in the list of EQIP National Priorities.

EQIP assistance for comprehensive planning is another valuable support that I hope the Department will make available to farmers and ranchers.

Sincerely,

