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I urge you to make the following changes to the Final Rule for EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program):

Mandate that Organic Conversion Support be available in all 50 states.

Make clear that the \$80,000 cap for Organic Conversion Support contracts are for organic conversion plans only.

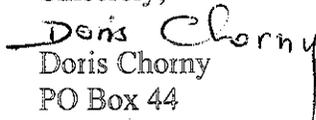
Make clear that the regular cap of \$300,000 is for organic operators not seeking conversion support.

Make clear that organic agriculture is a new national priority for EQIP, mandated by congress in the 2008 Farm Bill.

Be sure to rank Organic Conversion Support applications as a separate subcategory and processed as such.

Thank you for the important work you are doing in this area.

Sincerely,


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