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General Comment

I urge changes to the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program for FY10 as recommended by the American Farmland trust, including changes in the following five areas:

Treatment of easement terms and conditions in light of the new interpretation of a contingent right of enforcement;
The certification process for eligible entities;
Forest management plan requirements;
Impervious surface standards; and,
National ranking criteria