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May 18, 2007 URGENT ACTION ALERT!

**CALLS TO REP. NANCY BOYDA NEEDED  
TO SAVE CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM**

**-- CALLS NEEDED BY LATE MONDAY!!**

On Thursday May 17, House Agriculture Committee Chair Colin Peterson (D-MN) introduced part of his 2007 farm bill. It does not call for any Conservation Security Program (CSP) sign-ups until 2012. This effectively kills CSP for the length of the 2007 farm bill.

Under Peterson's proposal, the funds currently dedicated to CSP are shifted to increase funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP **with no reforms to EQIP**, a program that provides conservation cost -share but also currently subsidizes the development and expansion of factory farms and CAFO's (confined animal feeding operations).

**Action Needed:** Phone calls or faxed letters are needed **no later than late Monday May 21st** to Rep. Nancy Boyda, a member of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research

These members, who will be meeting on May 22nd to debate the Chairman's bill, must stand up and express their disapproval that 2007 Farm Bill funding for the Conservation Security Program (CSP) is being gutted to increase funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) over and above its current \$1.3 billion a year.

**PLEASE CALL OR FAX by late Monday May 21!**

**Second District Rep. Nancy Boyda,  
Phone: 202-225-6601 FAX: 202-225-7986**

**The message is:**

**"I am a constituent (or resident of Kansas) and I am calling to urge Rep. Boyda to stand up for CSP during mark-up on Tuesday May 22 by:  
1) opposing gutting CSP to fund EQIP; and 2) express her support for the program. "**

CSP represents a new direction for conservation in the farm program and should not be abandoned or delayed. It may not be perfect but it moves in the right direction of conservation planning and implementation for the whole farm, and not the piece meal efforts of EQIP.

EQIP does good conservation work, BUT it is also used to develop and expand factory farming and CAFO's (confined animal feeding operations) that are not sustainable and harm the environment; and EQIP does not encourage whole farm conservation planning like the CSP program does.

CSP is an innovative program that helps sustainable and organic farmers, drives new conservation investments, and supports farmers for the environmental benefits they can implement rather than production of commodity crops.

**CSP should thus be the centerpiece conservation program of the 2007 farm bill, and not on the cutting room floor!**

If you prefer to write, fax a brief letter with the same points above along with your name, address, and phone number, to the fax number listed above.

Again, this is a critical call to make or letter to write. The direction of conservation and protection of our natural resources is at stake.

Thank you.

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