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Members of the United States House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative,

The American Farm Bureau Federation (Farm Bureau) is the nation's largest general farm organization. We have members in all 50 states and Puerto Rico who are engaged in all facets of agriculture. On behalf of our nearly 6 million Farm Bureau member families, I am writing in support of H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act.

Over the past several years, farmers and ranchers have been facing unprecedented volatility including record-high input costs. Affordable and abundant energy is critical for farmers and ranchers as it is a major factor for input costs. The Lower Energy Costs Act attempts to rectify these challenges by increasing the production of American energy and reducing regulatory burdens through comprehensive permitting reform.

Farm Bureau supports removing any and all barriers to domestic energy production including more drilling and extraction of our energy resources. The utilization of domestic fuels, including biofuels, have reduced our country's dependence on foreign crude oil, increased farm incomes and provided good-paying jobs in rural America.

Expanding the volume of American-grown ethanol in the U.S. fuel supply can help alleviate some of these issues, and Farm Bureau hopes that Congress will soon take action to address regulatory barriers limiting additional usage of biofuels. Increased biofuel use and domestic energy production will enhance U.S. security and reduce our dependence on foreign oil, while supporting America's farmers and rural economies.

Farm Bureau is committed to working with Congress to address the current energy challenges, and encourages your support of H.R. 1.

Sincerely,



Zippy Duvall
President