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To All US Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Member of Congress:

American Farm Bureau Federation strongly supports adoption by Congress of a resolution of disapproval of EPA's endangerment finding and proposed regulation of greenhouse gases. S.J. Res. 26 has been introduced in the Senate to accomplish this goal and has bipartisan support; no companion resolution has yet been introduced in the House.

Some members of Congress have indicated that instead of supporting a resolution of disapproval, they will cosponsor or support one of two bills: H.R. 4396, introduced by Rep. Pomeroy, or H.R. 4572, introduced by Rep. Skelton. These bills would amend the Clean Air Act to remove EPA's authority to regulate carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases. Neither bill is under active consideration by the Energy and Commerce Committee. The likelihood that either will be brought up for a vote in this Congress appears negligible. By contrast, the Senate will vote on S.J. Res. 26 within a few weeks and a simple 51-vote majority is required for passage.

The choice is clear: the real opportunity to stop EPA's onerous regulations is to adopt a resolution of disapproval. Farm Bureaus across the country are well aware that the true measure of a member's support for agriculture will be his or her introduction of a resolution of disapproval and adding his or her name to a discharge petition bringing that resolution to the floor for a vote. Cosponsoring bills that are destined to die in committee will not help farmers or ranchers. Indicating that a member would vote for a resolution of disapproval "when it is brought up" without affirmatively taking action to bring it to a vote is a meaningless gesture.

The effort to halt EPA's misguided regulation cannot succeed without bipartisan support and leadership from Democrats and Republicans alike. Farm Bureau urges members on both sides of the aisle to avoid partisan fights and to work constructively, in a bipartisan fashion, to halt impending EPA regulation that holds the prospect of critically injuring the U.S. economy. Farmers and ranchers across the country are watching this issue closely for meaningful support. We urge you to sponsor a resolution of disapproval and to add your name to a discharge petition bringing that resolution to the floor for a vote. This is a priority issue for Farm Bureau.

Sincerely,



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President