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The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker  
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

I would like to express my disappointment with a provision included in the "Bipartisan Budget Agreement of 2015" that would devastate America's farmers and ranchers.

Section 201 of the bill proposes to reduce rates of return to crop insurance companies from a gross of about 14.5 % down to a gross of 8.9 %. This directly impacts every farmer that utilizes crop insurance as a risk management tool.

As you know, Iowa is a leader in crop insurance participation by producers in the country. Many independent, rural agents who provide crop insurance in Iowa depend on it as a key component of their small businesses, which employ thousands of Iowans.

Members of Congress who represent our nation's farmers and ranchers were never consulted and the details of the bill were not available until the morning of Tuesday, October 27. Instead, we received a bill with this irresponsible provision.

While I agree that passing a bipartisan budget compromise is essential, it is regrettable to do so on the backs of America's farmers and ranchers. As Congress continues its work through the appropriations process, I urge you to reverse this damaging policy and look for alternative offsets that do not harm the farmers and ranchers that have made this country what it is today.

Sincerely,



Dave Loebsock