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The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner,

I write to express my extreme disappointment with recent press reports stating the Majority will likely not be bringing up the farm bill and will instead bring up a one-year extension of existing farm policy. This comes after the decision to send the House of Representatives on vacation for the month of August a day early without action on this critical piece of legislation to Iowa's economy. Even after this extended recess, it does not seem any action has been taken to move toward bringing up a reformed farm bill even with over a month to work toward that goal.

With Iowa and much of the U.S. experiencing the worst drought since the 1950's, it is more important than ever that we provide farmers and livestock/poultry producers the certainty they need through a new farm bill along with drought relief measures. In addition, rural communities are struggling to recover from the worst recession since the Great Depression and rural economic development programs are critical to assisting our rural communities in creating jobs, housing, and attracting business development.

As you may know, forty-six groups will be holding "Farm Bill Now" events and pressing the House this week to pass a reformed farm bill. I couldn't agree more, and I respectfully urge you to bring up a reformed farm bill in the House that reduces the deficit and also contains drought relief for farmers and livestock/poultry producers. I have walked the rows with farmers throughout eastern and southeastern Iowa, and they are dismayed that the House is not planning on taking up this bipartisan legislation which the Senate has already passed. Allowing farm policy to revert back to 1940's policy would also have devastating effects and action must be taken immediately.

With Congress not being in session for over a month, Iowans expected work to be done toward moving forward a new reformed farm bill but instead will be presented with another missed opportunity and a can that's kicked down the road because of politics in the form of another extension. Americans elected Congress to get things done for the American people. I stand ready to work in bipartisan fashion to get a farm bill passed and again urge your attention to bringing up the farm bill for passage in the House.

Sincerely,



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Iowa's Second District