

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The American Clean Energy and Security Act (H.R. 2454) includes specific provisions for agricultural offset credits, which can be used to comply with the pollution reduction requirements in the bill. We have agreed upon the terms of a program to issue such credits, but we have not yet agreed upon the appropriate roles of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in developing and implementing the program. For purposes of House action, we have given responsibility exclusively to USDA, rather than resolve the specific responsibilities of the two agencies.

To assist us in resolving this issue as this bill moves through the legislative process, we respectfully request that you provide us with recommendations for the appropriate roles for the two agencies.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce



Collin C. Peterson
Chairman
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