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The Honorable Blanche Lincoln
Chairman
Committee on Agriculture,
Nutrition, and Forestry
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chairman:

I am writing to follow up on the conversation you had last week with White House Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel, regarding the Administration's commitment to provide much needed agriculture disaster assistance to rural Americans, specifically our Nation's farmers and the rural economies they support.

I want to assure you that the Administration is committed to providing assistance consistent with your legislative proposal by the end of this month. OMB and USDA are aware of existing authorities and are currently reviewing the most appropriate manner by which to provide such assistance. We are currently evaluating options to ensure compliance with existing laws, ease of administration, and effectiveness of targeting the assistance to those in need.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our Nation's rural and agricultural areas. The Administration looks forward to continuing to work with you to develop an effective policy for rural America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Nabors II". The signature is stylized and includes a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Robert L. Nabors II
Acting Deputy Director