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The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
S-221 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
S-230 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leaders Reid and McConnell:

I write to urge you to schedule floor consideration of the Farm Bill, otherwise known as the "Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2010." I also ask that Members have ample opportunity to offer germane and other agriculture-related amendments.

California's more than 81,000 farmers produce nearly half the fruits, vegetables and nuts consumed in our country, and the reauthorization of the Farm Bill is vitally important to support this \$37.5 billion dollar industry. Furthermore, the Committee-passed bill decreases federal spending by \$23 billion by eliminating a number of wasteful subsidies and programs. This savings is critically important as we attempt to address our nation's ballooning deficit.

I commend Agriculture Committee leadership for producing this bi-partisan, fiscally-responsible bill, and I look forward to working with you both to ensure that this legislation receives floor time in the coming weeks. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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