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I am writing to convey my thoughts about a new farm bill. I own an agronomy company in North Dakota and am worried that a new farm bill with reduced support will be a death blow to many of our farmers. The gas prices have escalated to the point that many of the current crops will not turn a profit this year. Now we hear that the government wants to cut price supports in the new farm bill. Most of our customers are of the belief that the country would rather import our food than to have them raise it! Now how is that for morale out in the country? Rather than cut we need to be increasing our support so our farmers can sustain this nation. We trust that we elect qualified people to political positions to make certain that this will be done. If not this countries farm states will carry a big stick next election and there will be a major house cleaning. Many people in Washington do not understand the current mentality of the rural areas. It is changing very rapidly since the last election. Many promises were made and few were kept. Many of these programs that seem to be so sacred in aiding other countries and supporting war would not pass if left up to the average citizen of the United States. Like my grandmother use to say" we need to take care of the cow so we can have milk later" which exemplifies that if we do not take care of this country now it really will not matter for there will not be any country! It is my hope that you will stand strong and put forth a farm bill that our farmers can use to continue their work to make this nation strong again.

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