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Question4: In a few words, the answer to your question is to reauthorize crp and expand it...along with most the other farm bill conservation programs....listen up! The demand for most these programs far outstrips the bucks congress is willing to give. I'm a hunter, not a landowner....and I want a place to hunt and so do millions of other voting, tax paying Americans. Here's some more details about by views on crp:

CRP is 20 years old, and what a 20 years it has been for conservation and hunting. Yet, I know that CRP is not a sure thing. CRP has never been a bird in the hand.

In just the next several years, contracts on more than 22 million acres of CRP will expire and the plows will start digging up all that nice pheasant nesting cover we've all become accustomed to hunting.

Many powerful agri-business and financial interests out there with friends in Congress that would love nothing better than to bury CRP for good. They want to plow up those 39 million acres of grasslands, shelterbelts and food plots and start selling seed, fertilizer, pesticides, insecticides, farm implements, etc. to plant those acres in corn and soybeans. This would mean big bucks to them and they are fighting hard to get it. Who can blame them?

Over the past year or so, criticisms about CRP have been popping up in the national media. Much of this is related to CRP's price tag, around \$1.9 billion per year. Yet, items such as science and space received \$24 billion in FY 2004 and international affairs \$29 billion. Isn't conservation at least as important?

Some narrow interests are saying CRP has fulfilled its usefulness. Others make the unfair claim that CRP has been the cause for the decline of rural America.

I hope our elected officials go to rural America for themselves to see these claims are false. They will find that CRP has helped hard pressed farmers in need of a good and stable income; the small business helped by the influx of hunters buying ammo, food, gas and hotel space; the weary city dweller thrilled to find some quality hunting during his precious weekend away from the responsibilities of home and work; the couple out for a country drive that spots a bobolink or meadowlark singing from atop a fence post by a CRP field; the kid fishing with a cane pole that pulls in a nice sunnie because the water is clean once again; and countless species of wildlife just glad to have a place to

survive.

I am fighting hard to maintain and hopefully expand these wonderful natural resource benefits to the American people. All I want is balance and fairness in our nation's ag policy.

I remember during the fight for the first re-authorization of CRP that the Administration's starting point for CRP negotiations was ?not an acre-not a dollar, the days of CRP are over.? Because of much hard work by PF and its partners, the Administration's views changed back then. We presented a compelling record of CRP's human and wildlife achievements, and the program was wisely reauthorized in the early spring of 1996.

Sometime this fall, CRP will celebrate its 20th Anniversary! But it could be a short celebration.

As our population expands and increases its demand on natural resources, we don't need less financial help for our food producers and the environment, we need more.

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