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Mr. James A. Aasland  
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Dear Mr. Aasland:

Thank you very much for sharing your thoughts on the 2007 Farm Bill with us.

Farm Bill issues are and will continue to be an important focus of the Department of Agriculture, and your insights and suggestions are very important to me. I assure you that your ideas will be given full consideration as we develop our 2007 Farm Bill proposals.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Johanns". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Mike Johanns  
Secretary