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Question4: Dear USDA:

The 2002 Farm Bill included numerous conservation programs with environmentally-friendly incentives to farmers. Those provisions include:

The Conservation Reserve Program: Helps pay farmers to plant vegetative cover that cuts down on soil erosion and at the same time increases habitat for nesting waterfowl, upland game birds and other wildlife.

The Grassland Reserve Program: Helps landowners restore America's most endangered ecosystems, grasslands, which are home to a wide array of species such as bison and sage grouse.

The Wetlands Reserve Program: Encourages the re-establishment or protection of wetlands - many of which have been filled in and converted to farmland. Wetlands filter contaminants and sediment from water that enters lakes, rivers and groundwater, as well as support a third of all bird species and nearly 200 species of amphibians in the United States alone.

These programs, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), have to be reauthorized in the 2007 Farm Bill if they are to remain viable. That means they are again up for consideration by those crafting and voting for this legislation.

Please work to make sure these conservation-friendly programs are not only included, but fully funded, so that every farmer who wants to participate can. Currently, four out of five agriculture producers who apply are turned away due to lack of funding.

Sincerely,
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