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Dear USDA:

I may not be a farmer myself at this time but I work with many farmers at a watershed level to help protect the environment and protect agriculture. So in reference to the 2007 farm bill, I have the following comments I would like to have considered:

- 1) Reduce number of CRP acres/payments and increase the number acres/payments in the new CSP program
- 2) Increase CRP payments for soils that are highly erosive or along stream banks or contribute to saline seep. Reduce payment or eliminate for good soils.
- 3) With EQIP funds, increase amount that goes towards special focus areas that have several farmers/ranchers working together where there can be noticeable improvements towards the environment
- 4) Reduce payments that reward people not to farm and/or commodities programs
- 5) Take money saved from commodity programs and move towards helping farmers that are proactive towards profitable operations - like CSP
- 6) Give more flexibility to each state on what programs need more funds and how they are run

Thanks for considering my comments.