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Mr. Thomas Dorr, Under Secretary
USDA Rural Development
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Washington, D. C. 20250

Dear Under Secretary Dorr:

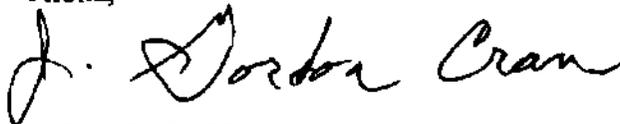
I had planned to be in Kona to attend the Farm Bill Forum conducted by you. However, I landed in the hospital so that was the end of my plans.

Please accept this as testimony on the 2006 Farm Bill now being carried on throughout the Nation.

I am a member of R-CALF USA and have cast my vote on their issues. I voted positive on all issues that were voted on.

Thank you for having these forums for ranchers/farmers to voice their concerns, and for coming all the way to Hawaii. Sorry I did not have a chance to see you.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Gordon Cran". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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