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The Honorable Ed Case
U.S. House of Representatives
115 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Case:

Thank you for your letter regarding the 2007 Farm Bill and for enclosing a summary of the results of the survey of Hawaii's agricultural community that you conducted prior to our Farm Bill Forum in Kailua-Kona on November 12, 2005.

It was good of you to share these comments, and we will see that they receive full consideration as the Department develops its proposals for the bill.

Under Secretary Thomas Dorr and I also much appreciate your leadership and participation in our Hawaii Farm Bill Forum. I understand that things went very well, and I hope that you were as pleased with the session as we were.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Johanns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "J".

Mike Johanns
Secretary