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## Key Vote NO on the Farm Bill

As one of our millions of FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your representative and urge him or her to vote NO on new House Farm Bill (which has yet to receive a bill number).

House Leadership does deserve some praise for bringing forth a Farm Bill that is separate from the food stamp provisions that have served for decades as a mammoth earmark to attract Democratic support for the bill. However, splitting the food stamps and farm bill is a means to reform, not an end in itself.

Unfortunately, House Republicans appear to be trying to advance a Farm Bill that not only contains no major reforms to crop insurance or industry subsidies, it is actually somewhat worse than the policies in the Democrat-led Senate Farm Bill. The House bill actually spends more than its Senate companion, while still containing the brand new shallow loss crop insurance entitlement, which is guaranteed to spend billions per year more than the CBO estimates.

There are a number of good amendments that were offered to the previous Farm Bill that would greatly improve this very inadequate bill, but House leadership wants to move forward with a closed rule, meaning that none of these amendments will be allowed to come up for a vote, much less pass. Once again, the whole point of splitting up the Farm Bill was to break up the unholy alliance between urban Democrats and rural Republicans that ensures that the bill passes every five years without significant reform. Without significant changes to crop insurance subsidies and corporate handouts, this bill is just as irresponsible and unacceptable as its predecessor.

I urge you to call your representative and ask him or her to vote NO on the new Farm Bill. We may count their vote as a KEY VOTE when calculating the FreedomWorks Economic Freedom Scorecard for 2013. The Scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes Members of Congress with voting records that support economic freedom.

Sincerely,

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