



# Agriculture Energy Alliance

*Representing agriculture as a producer and consumer of energy*

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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: S. 3711—Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act**

Dear Senator:

The 106 members of the Agriculture Energy Alliance (AEA) urge you to support S. 3711, the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act. AEA continues to be concerned with high natural gas prices and the negative effect these prices have on agriculture. Our immediate goal is to ensure that every effort is made to support passage of this legislation.

Agriculture needs additional supply of natural gas to help ease the pain of increased prices. The AEA urges the Senate to pass legislation quickly that will significantly improve natural gas supply in the United States. Throughout debate on energy policy the AEA has consistently urged Congress to pass legislation that would allow expanded natural gas production in the Outer Continental Shelf.

The AEA represents a broad-based coalition of farm organizations and agribusinesses that face a crisis because of government policies that have created demand for natural gas while at the same time restricted access to supply sources. The farm sector depends on significant amounts of natural gas for food processing, irrigation, crop drying, heating farm buildings and homes and production of crop protection chemicals and nitrogen fertilizer.

Additional supply of American energy resources is important to maintaining a competitive agricultural sector. AEA supports legislation that will provide an enhanced role for development of offshore energy resources leading to a more diverse portfolio and additional supplies of natural gas. We stand ready to work with the Senate on this extremely important legislation that is critical to U.S. farmers, agribusiness and other energy consumers. We ask that you continue to work with us and support us in these efforts to increase natural gas supply from offshore production.

Sincerely,

**Agribusiness Association of Iowa  
Agribusiness Council of Indiana  
Agricultural Council of California  
Agricultural Retailers Assn.**

**Agriance, LLC  
Agrium Inc.  
Alabama Crop Management Assn.  
American Farm Bureau Federation**

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American Plant Food Corporation  
American Soybean Assn.  
Arkansas Plant Food Assn.  
Ben-Trei Ltd.  
Brandt Consolidated  
CF Industries  
CHS Inc.  
California League of Food Processors  
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois  
CoBank (CO)  
Colorado Farm Bureau  
Colorado Grain & Feed Assn.  
Crop Production Services  
CropLife America  
D.B. Western, Inc.—Texas  
DeBruce Fertilizer, Inc.  
Delaware Maryland Agribusiness Assn.  
Diamond of California  
Far West Agribusiness Assn. (WA)  
Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Assn.  
Georgia Agribusiness Council, Inc.  
Georgia Feed & Grain Assn., Inc.  
GROWMARK, Inc.  
Hartung Brothers, Inc.  
Hawaiian Alliance for Responsible  
Technology & Science  
Helena Chemical Company  
Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Assn.  
Indiana Grain & Feed Association  
Indiana Plant Food & Ag Chemicals Assn.  
Intermountain Farmers Assn.  
International Chemical Corporation  
International Commodities Export Corp.  
International Raw Materials Ltd.  
Iowa Institute for Cooperatives  
JR Simplot Company  
Jim Hicks & Company  
Johnston Seed Company  
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Assn.  
Kansas Grain and Feed Assn.  
Land O' Lakes, Inc.  
Louisiana Ammonia Producers  
MFA Incorporated  
Mayo Fertilizer Inc.  
Michigan Agri-Business Assn.  
Minnesota Agri-Growth Council  
Minnesota Crop Production Retailers

Missouri Ag Industries Council, Inc.  
Monsanto Company  
Montana Agricultural Business Assn.  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Barley Growers Assn.  
National Chicken Council  
National Corn Growers Assn.  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Grange  
National Renderers Association, Inc.  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Sunflower Assn.  
National Turkey Federation  
Nebraska Agri-Business Assn.  
North Dakota Agricultural Assn.  
Northern Ag Suppliers, Inc.  
Oklahoma Ag Retailers  
Oregon Wheat Growers League  
Pennsylvania Assn. of Milk Dealers  
Plant Food Association of North  
Carolina, Inc.  
PotashCorp  
Rocky Mountain Agri-Business  
Assn. (CO)  
Society of American Florists  
South Carolina Fertilizer and  
Agrichemical Assn.  
South Dakota Agri-Business Assn.  
Southern Crop Production Assn. (GA)  
Southern States Cooperative, Inc.  
Tennessee Agricultural Production Assn.  
Tennessee Farmers Cooperative  
Terra Industries  
Texas Ag Industries Assn.  
Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council  
Texas Grain & Feed Assn.  
The Andersons, Inc.  
The Fertilizer Institute  
The McGregor Company  
The Mosaic Company  
3-D Fertilizer  
U.S. Canola Assn.  
USA Rice Federation  
United Suppliers, Inc.  
Virginia Crop Production Assn.  
Virginia Poultry Federation, Inc.  
W.B. Johnston Grain Company

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**Washington Association of Wheat Growers**  
**Washington State Council of Farmer**  
**Cooperatives**  
**West Central Inc.**  
**Western Peanut Growers Association (TX)**  
**Western Plant Health Association (CA)**  
**Wheeler Bros. Grain and Fertilizer Co.**  
**Willard Agri-Service of Frederick, Inc. (MD)**  
**Wisconsin Fertilizer and Chemical Assn.**