



# Agriculture Energy Alliance

*Representing agriculture as a producer and consumer of energy*

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The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II  
Chair, Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Re: H.R. 2337 – Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute,  
Please Vote to Strike Titles I & II**

Dear Chairman Rahall:

The 113 members of the Agriculture Energy Alliance ask that you vote to strike Titles I & II of the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 2337. If approved, provisions in Titles I & II will roll back sections of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct) designed to streamline production permits and increase natural gas production both onshore and offshore. The AEA worked very hard to support several provisions of the EPAAct that would address the increased price and supply of natural gas so critical to U.S. agriculture. We also worked very diligently to secure new supplies of natural gas by supporting S. 3711, a bill that opened up new supply of energy in the Outer Continental Shelf.

Our business is to grow abundant food and fiber for America and people around the world. Experts say that food production will need to double in the next 20 years to meet rising global demand. But today, tight natural gas supplies have driven U.S. farm inputs and energy prices to all time highs, cutting farm income. The U.S. farm sector is being weakened by constraints on onshore and offshore energy development, even as global demand for food is growing every year. By wisely developing and utilizing our own national resources, Congress can help ensure that farming remains an economically viable occupation.

Onshore and offshore energy production is a vote for food security. The farm sector depends on significant amounts of energy for food processing, irrigation, crop drying, heating farm buildings and homes and the production of crop protection chemicals and fertilizer.

We urge you to please eliminate Titles I & II in the substitute to H.R. 2337, that will negatively impact the supply and price of natural gas. Any provisions that will make it longer and harder to secure new natural gas supply will negatively affect agriculture.

Sincerely,

Members of the Agriculture Energy Alliance

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

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

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  
Delaware Maryland Agribusiness Assn.  
Diamond of California  
Fairfield Index Inc.  
Far West Agribusiness Assn. (WA)  
Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Assn.  
Florida Strawberry Growers Assn.  
Georgia Agribusiness Council, Inc.  
Georgia Feed & Grain Assn., Inc.  
GROWMARK, Inc.  
Hardee County Farm Bureau (FL)  
Hartung Brothers, Inc.  
Hawaiian Alliance for Responsible  
Technology & Science  
Helena Chemical Company  
Hillsborough County Agriculture Economic  
Development Council (FL)  
Hillsborough County Farm Bureau (FL)  
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 Farm Bureau  
Oregon Wheat Growers League  
Pennsylvania Assn. of Milk Dealers  
Plant Food Association of North Carolina  
Polk County Farm Bureau (FL)  
PotashCorp  
Rocky Mountain Agri-Business Assn. (CO)  
Sarasota County Farm Bureau (FL)  
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  
Washington Association of Wheat Growers  
Washington State Council of Farmer Coops  
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 Crop Production Association