



Agriculture Energy Alliance

Representing agriculture as a producer and consumer of energy

August 3, 2007

United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Agriculture Energy Alliance Opposes Title VII of H.R. 3221

Dear Congressman:

For some time, the Agriculture Energy Alliance (AEA) has urged Congress to promote policies that result in access to new sources of natural gas supply. H.R. 3221, the pending House energy bill, contains provisions in Title VII, that would slow and reduce well completions, delay new production and result in higher prices for consumers.

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 restricting 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 fertilizers.

AEA understands that changes were made to the supply rollback provisions of the energy bill. These changes only marginally address the anti-production impact of the legislation. In particular, we are very concerned about provisions that were added to the bill that were not part of the House Resources Committee debate on H.R. 6. One of these new provisions would bar production on federal lands on the Roan Plateau in Colorado. This area is estimated to hold 9 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, enough to heat 9 million homes for 9 years. This added production would provide much needed natural gas supply for agriculture and other consumers.

Utilizing America's energy resources is key to maintaining a competitive agricultural sector. AEA urges Congress to insure that the energy supply portions of H.R. 3221 recognize the need for funding and developing new sources of supply.

Sincerely,

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

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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
Fairfield Index Inc.
Far West Agribusiness Assn.
Florida Fertilizer & Agribusiness 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 Assn.
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 Enterprises
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, Inc.
Polk County Farm Bureau (FL)
PotashCorp
Rocky Mountain Agri-Business Assn.
Sarasota County Farm Bureau (FL)
Society of American Florists
South Carolina Fertilizer &
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
Virginia Crop Production Assn.
Virginia Poultry Federation, Inc.
Washington Association of
Wheat Growers
Washington State Council of Farmer
Cooperatives
West Central Inc.

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Western Plant Health Association (CA)
Wheeler Bros. Grain and Fertilizer Co.
Willard Agri-Service of Frederick , Inc. (MD)
Wisconsin Crop Production Assn.