



# Agriculture Energy Alliance

*Representing agriculture as a producer and consumer of energy*

October 24, 2007

Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 29510

Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Madame Speaker and Mr. Majority Leader:

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