

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

**Commit to the Farm Bill; Commit to Discharge Petition**

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in committing to sign a discharge petition to bring H.R. 6083, the *Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARRM) Act* to the House Floor for a vote. As you know, the Farm Bill has yet to be brought up and it is unclear whether it will come up prior to the Farm Bill's September 30<sup>th</sup> expiration date.

The House Agriculture Committee approved the *FARRM Act* by a vote of 35-11 with bipartisan support, but it has yet to be reported. We have heard from various agricultural groups and their message is loud and clear - they want and need a five-year Farm Bill.

According to House Rules, for unreported legislation a discharge petition cannot be filed until 30 legislative days after it has been referred to the committee of jurisdiction. In the case of the House Farm Bill, it was referred on July 9<sup>th</sup>, so the discharge petition will be able to be filed on or around September 13<sup>th</sup>, since pro forma days during the August work period will count towards the 30 day requirement.

This petition will move to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 739 entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6083).

Because the discharge petition cannot be filed until after the August work period, we are taking the step of simply seeking commitments from those who are willing to sign it once it becomes available at the Clerk's desk.

The need to extend assistance for farmers gets more urgent every day, given the worsening drought that is blanketing more than half the country. Just like millions of small businesses across the country, farmers need certainty and confidence in the federal programs that affect their lives. Failure to provide certainty will have a devastating impact on the agriculture industry.

Please show your support to our nation's farmers by committing to sign on to this discharge petition. Feel free to contact [todd.wolf@mail.house.gov](mailto:todd.wolf@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Braley's office if you have any questions or your boss would like to commit to signing this discharge petition. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Bruce Braley  
Member of Congress



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Chris Gibson  
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Peter Welch  
Member of Congress



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Rick Berg  
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