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Honorable Pat Roberts
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Honorable Dennis Moore
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Honorable Todd Tiahrt
US Representative – Kansas 4th
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Re: 2011 SRA Proposed Cuts to Crop Insurance Industry

Dear Members of Congress,

As you are well aware the 2008 Farm Bill included cuts to crop insurance programs totaling \$6.4 billion over 10 years. While many of those cuts are still being implemented and before the impacts to the crop insurance industry are even known the proposed SRA for 2011 contains additional cuts estimated at \$4 billion over the next five years.

Kansas producers rely on the risk management tools provided by a vibrant crop insurance program. For that reason I write seeking your support for a crop insurance delivery system which cannot sustain cuts of this magnitude without putting at risk the primary safety net that farmers and rural communities rely upon. Producers across the nation depend on these companies and their products to ensure profitability and to maintain their ability to continue to produce food, fiber and fuel despite the uncertainties of weather.

As an individual who represents our industry within our own crop insurance company I am seeking your support for average administrative and operative expense allowances that will do no further harm to the industry. I can assure

you that theories of run-away profits are simply false. This proposal will lead to further reductions in the number of companies willing to provide crop insurance products and ultimately to less competition and increased premiums for producers who desperately need solid risk management tools.

Thank you for your support of the federal crop insurance program. Please continue to advocate for this program with those at USDA and at the White House who now believe that there is money to be had within the programs we depend on for our livelihoods.

If I can ever be of assistance, please don't hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Baccus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping tail.

Steve Baccus
President