

March 16, 2011

The Honorable Mike Johanns  
404 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Johanns:

On behalf of the over 53,000 members of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, I would like to share our thoughts on a few amendments that will be introduced to S. 493, the *Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technical Transfer Reauthorization (STTR) Act*. Many of these amendments are of great interest to Nebraska's farmers and ranchers.

While the exact voting timeline for some of following amendments remains uncertain, we ask you to consider our position on the following filed amendments:

Nebraska Farm Bureau supports amendment 183 filed by Senator Mitch McConnell (KY) amendment which would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change.

Nebraska Farm Bureau supports amendment 161 introduced by you to repeal the new Form 1099 reporting requirements using health credit recapturing as the pay-for. As you know, the Form 1099 requirement would create a paperwork nightmare for many farmers, ranchers and other business owners.

Nebraska Farm Bureau supports amendment 212 introduced by Senator Scott Brown (MA) to repeal a new 3 percent withholding tax on government payments for goods and services using unobligated funds to pay for the proposal.

Nebraska Farm Bureau supports amendment 175 introduced by Senator Marco Rubio (FL) which would prohibit EPA from issuing implementing, administering, or enforcing rules concerning numeric nutrient standard for water in the state of Florida.

Nebraska Farm Bureau opposes amendment 220 introduced by Senator Tom Coburn (OK) which would eliminate many of the tax incentives available for ethanol.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on these important amendments and the work you continue to do for Nebraska agriculture.

Sincerely,



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President