



February 5, 2013

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
United States House of Representatives
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Waxman and Senator Whitehouse:

On behalf of the more than 200,000 family farmer, rancher and rural members of National Farmers Union (NFU), I write to thank you for forming the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change and for requesting NFU's input on ways that the federal government can address climate change. Mitigating and adapting to climate change is of significant concern to our membership and will be a defining trend that shapes the world. National Farmers Union has long played a leadership role in the agriculture community in regard to addressing the challenge of climate change. Our members are acutely aware of changing weather patterns and extreme weather events that affect their operations. NFU looks forward to working with you to address these issues by submitting recommendations on the questions you have posed:

- 1) What actions or policies could federal agencies adopt, using existing authorities, to reduce emissions of heat-trapping pollution?
- 2) What actions or polices could federal agencies adopt, using existing authorities, to make our nation more resilient to the effects of climate change?
- 3) What legislation would you recommend Congress enact to strengthen the ability of federal agencies to prevent and respond to the effects of climate change?

As your Task Force moves forward with recommendations and possible legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of my staff. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger Johnson", is written over a large, stylized blue circular mark.

Roger Johnson
President