

April 15, 2011

The Honorable Robert Hurt
U.S. House of Representatives
1516 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kristi Noem
U.S. House of Representatives
226 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Reps. Hurt and Noem:

The American Farm Bureau Federation commends you for introducing the *Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011*, a bill that would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating naturally occurring farm dust.

Regulation of farm dust by EPA could severely hamper the ability of farmers and ranchers to meet the world's food needs and could result in decreased productivity, increased food prices, and lost jobs in the rural economy. Moreover, the scientific basis for establishing such regulation has been called into question and there are significant doubts that the benefits of EPA regulation would outweigh the costs.

We thank you for introducing the *Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011*. We support this legislation and look forward to working with you to secure its passage.

Sincerely,



Bob Stallman
President