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The Honorable Collin Peterson, Chairman
House Agriculture Committee
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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte, Ranking Member
House Agriculture Committee
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Dear Chairman Peterson and Representative Goodlatte:

As you prepare to mark-up the 2007 farm bill (HR 2419), Western Governors would like to share three of our policy resolutions with Committee members. We respectfully urge the Committee to give consideration to these priorities.

Attached is policy resolution 07-15, *Farm Bill Reauthorization and Western Agriculture*. The member states of the Western Governors' Association have diverse agricultural interests, but our collective priorities for the West are: conservation, forestry, energy production, specialty crops, research, rural development, nutrition, insurance and commodities.

Second, attached is policy resolution 06-20, *Transportation Fuels for the Future*. The resolution calls for developing a policy roadmap for alternative fuels in the West to move away from our reliance on imported oil and the associated risks to our energy, economic and environmental security. Task Force recommendations will be presented to the Governors in November 2007. In the interim, the Governors' Transportation Fuels for the Future Task Force endorses the Governors' Ethanol Coalition 2007 Farm Bill Recommendations and encourage their consideration during your present deliberations.

Lastly, we share policy resolution 07-11, *Food Security*. We are also sharing the same resolution with your colleagues on the Homeland Security Committee. Our hope is federal and state agriculture and veterinary officials will strengthen their working relationship to better prevent and respond to food security outbreaks and emergencies.

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Thank you for giving these matters your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: House Homeland Security Committee