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Financial Assistance Programs Division  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
National Resources Conservation Service  
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Washington D.C. 20250-2890

Re: Docket No. NRCS-1FR-08005  
Environmental Quality Incentives  
Program (EQIP) Final Rules

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

Real concerns for food safety, water quality and conservation are major realizations in this country, now more than ever. Wisest use of soils and farm practices with animals are to be encouraged. The USDA must act to stop using our tax money to help factory farms. There must be fair help for organic farmers and such sustainable practices that protect the environment and build healthy and strong rural communities. Ensure EQIP assistance and build availability to all farmers and ranchers for whole-farm conservation planning. Organic conversions help must be in separate funding pool, with limit over \$80,000 over 4-year period must apply only

to organic conversion payments and not all EOP payments made to organic farmers and ranchers. No animal waste storage, treatment, or transportation for new or expanding CAFOs and was surrounded by THREE FACTORY FARMS, and disease-causing bacteria causing me serious illness that made it imperative that I move from my home to deal with illness from close proximity to factory farms which the community could not move to correct the problems in Lamar, Colorado.

Independent family farms and ranches need help to stay in business and to continue healthier practices and better production of food.

Sincerely,

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