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Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
US Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Tom Vilsack,

I am writing regarding "The Wetlands Reserve Program" which was sponsored by North Dakota Senator Kent Conrad and passed into law last year by Congress. North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan and our Congressman Earl Pomeroy strongly support this new law, too!

I am a land owner with flooded land on Devils Lake, North Dakota. My land and many other land owners have had flooded acres since 1997.

My land and other land-owners have more than 6.5 foot of water on our land.

We urge that no 6.5 foot limit be placed on our flooded land. Also, the 25,000 acre limitation for flooded land should be 50,000 acres or more. This increase will help many more flooded land owners. < Currently, the spring thaw will flood many more acres! >

Thank you for your consideration! Both land-owners and wildlife will benefit from your favorable consideration of these requests.

Bruce Hooper - land-owners!
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