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Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Vilsack,

As you consider proposals for Section 1614 "Web-Based Decision Aids," I urge you to give full and fair consideration to the National Coalition for Producer Education's proposal being led by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

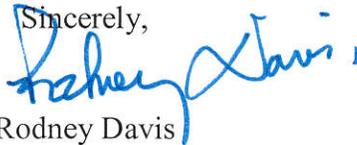
As you know, under Title I, Subtitle F, Section 1614 of the *Agricultural Act of 2014*, or Farm Bill (Public Law 113-79), there is a competitive funding opportunity for qualified universities and university-based organizations to develop web-based decision tools to help producers in making decisions pertaining to Farm Bill programs.

I am proud to represent the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which for more than a decade, has been a respected leader in providing timely and valuable farm management information to agricultural decision-makers all across the country through its *Farmdoc* platform. The content produced by *Farmdoc* is relevant, easily accessible, and wide-ranging.

The National Coalition for Producer Education, which is comprised of universities and organizations that together represent a variety of geographic regions and commodity crops, dairy, and specialty crops, will utilize and expand upon *Farmdoc*'s successful features. Each partner in the Coalition offers key strengths and expertise that will enhance the Coalition's training, outreach, analysis and education capabilities.

I believe the National Coalition for Producer Education can generate vital tools for producer groups, individual producers, and extension. I support this application and urge you to give it full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



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