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CHARLES E. GRASSLEY

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1501

August 12, 2009

The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

As you know, the State of Iowa has suffered from severe storms again this summer which has damaged crops and resulted in production losses. While I am encouraged that many producers in Iowa have purchased crop insurance for their own risk management, disaster declarations from your office are still needed.

I write in support of Governor Chet Culver's August 11, 2009 request for Secretarial disaster declarations for the following counties: Allamakee, Benton, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, Clarke, Clay, Clayton, Decatur, Delaware, Fayette, Howard, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lucas, Mahaska, Van Buren, Wapello, Wayne, and Winneshiek. Producers need to know that when the Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance (SURE) becomes finalized later this year that they will be eligible to receive support.

I understand that additional loss assessment reports are being compiled and will be reviewed in the coming weeks for storms that have occurred during August. I expect additional requests will be sent to your office containing additional county requests.

Thank you for your timely consideration of Governor Culver's request.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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