



GEORGIA COTTON COMMISSION

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Via email: Michael.reed@mail.house.gov

The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Sanford:

Speaking on behalf of the Georgia Cotton Commission and all cotton producers in Georgia, I'd like to say we are opposed to H.R. 2454, The American Clean Energy and Security Act as it is currently written.

We greatly appreciate and support Chairman Peterson's efforts to negotiate amendments to H.R. 2454 that address several of agriculture's many concerns with the bill. However, we feel this legislation will no doubt result in significantly higher energy and input costs for production agriculture.

Farmers are unable to pass along increase cost of production as most other industries have the capabilities to do. The additional production costs associated with implementation of the provisions within H.R. 2454 will also place U.S. cotton at a clear disadvantage in our ability to compete in the international markets which we have become extremely dependent upon.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments and everything that you do for us in the cotton industry.

Sincerely,

Louie Perry
Chairman