



GEORGIA COTTON COMMISSION

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Via email: bryan.partridge@mail.house.gov

The Honorable Paul C. Broun
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Broun:

On behalf of the Georgia Cotton Commission, representing all cotton producers in Georgia, I respectfully offer the following comment in opposition to your proposed amendment of the Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

Production agriculture is the economic underpinning of our state and is of critical importance to the livelihoods of many Georgia citizens who farm, along with those businesses who provide goods, services, and support for agriculture. Stated simply, passage of this amendment would wreak havoc on every family farmer and the rural economy in our state.

It is our urgent hope that you refrain from supporting changes to our present farm legislation: *The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008*. This legislation was debated and passed under PAYGO rules, adopted by Congress and is fiscally responsible. Rapid and full implementation of it is vital for our producers to make plans for the future.

The Georgia Cotton Commission and I would very much like to discuss this issue in greater detail if more information would be helpful to you. I cannot stress enough here the height of injurious impact the passage of such an amendment would inflict on our farmers, supporting businesses, and the rural economy.

Sir, thank you for your consideration and this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Louie Perry
Chairman