

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4015**

Introduced by

Senators Klein, Erbele, Urlacher

Representatives Brandenburg, Weisz

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to  
2 restore full funding to the Conservation Security Program, address and resolve problems in the  
3 administration of the program, and to compensate individual farmers for damages incurred  
4 which were caused by a lack of clarity in the general provisions of the program and how these  
5 provisions were communicated to participants.

6 **WHEREAS**, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 amended the Food  
7 Security Act of 1985 to authorize the Conservation Security Program; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Conservation Security Program is administered by the United States  
9 Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Conservation Security Program is a voluntary program designed to  
11 provide financial and technical assistance to promote the conservation and improvement of soil,  
12 water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other conservation purposes on tribal and private  
13 working lands; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the program is designed to provide equitable access to benefits to all  
15 producers, regardless of size of operation, crops produced, or geographic location; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the program is being poorly administered with Conservation Security  
17 Program participants receiving inaccurate and conflicting information concerning the program;  
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, participants have been harmed by decisions made in reliance on  
20 commitments made by administrators of the program;

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
22 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

23 That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urge the Secretary of the United States  
24 Department of Agriculture to restore full funding to the Conservation Security Program, to  
25 address and resolve problems in the administration of the program, and to compensate

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1 individual farmers for damages incurred which were caused by a lack of clarity in the general  
2 provisions of the program and how these provisions were communicated to participants; and  
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
4 resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the chairman of the  
5 Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, and to each member of the North  
6 Dakota Congressional Delegation.