

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.**

Introduced by

Senator Krauter

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to enact meaningful reform of the farm program  
2 payment system.

3 **WHEREAS**, the system of farm program payments administered by the Farm Service  
4 Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture constitutes a necessary safety net for  
5 family farmers and ranches; and

6 **WHEREAS**, this farm program payment system makes annual payments to individuals  
7 who are not actively engaged in farming as well as corporate mega-farms beyond what is a  
8 reasonable level of federal support; and

9 **WHEREAS**, this practice of improper and excessive payments undermines the very  
10 existence of the farm safety net and erodes support for those family farmers who depend on the  
11 farm program;

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

14 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to  
15 enact meaningful payment limit reform that sets a hard cap of farm program payments to any  
16 one individual of \$250,000 and requires that all payment recipients be actively engaged in  
17 farming.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
19 resolution to the United States Department of Agriculture and to each member of the North  
20 Dakota Congressional Delegation.