

## FEDERAL CONSERVATION SECURITY ACT

WHEREAS, the proposed federal Conservation Security Act creates a Conservation Security Program which provides a comprehensive, flexible and voluntary approach to farm conservation policy by providing incentives payments to all farmers for maintaining or adopting conservation practices on productive land; and

WHEREAS, farmers enter conservation security contracts with the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to define conservation practices they will use. There are three tiers of practices, with Tier III being the most extensive; and

WHEREAS, Tier I practices include nutrient management, pest management and cover cropping. The Tier I annual payment cap is \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, Tier II practices are system practices, including rotational grazing, buffers and borders and wetland restoration, in addition to Tier I practices. The payment cap is \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, Tier III requires implementation of practices that that addresses all resources, in addition to Tier I and II practices. The payment cap is \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Conservation Security Act payments are conservation based, they are not trade distorting; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Security Act would be a conservation based, incentive driven federal farm program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts actively support the passage and implementation of the proposed federal Conservation Security Act.

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