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The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

Oh behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I formally request that USDA disaster assistance be made available to farmers in twenty additional counties, along with the thirty-five counties requested on September 7, 2010, totaling fifty-five counties. The following amended request for central and northern Kentucky is due to drought conditions beginning August 1 and continuing for the following counties:

Anderson	Franklin	Jefferson	Scott
Butler	Gallatin	Kenton	Shelby
Boone	Grant	Nicholas	Spencer
Campbell	Harrison	Oldham	Trimble
Carroll	Henry	Pendleton	Woodford

The current drought conditions have critically impacted our agriculture sector and include early harvest of corn and substantially reduced yields of all crops, loss of pasture for grazing and loss of water supplies for livestock.

Thank you in advance for your full and timely consideration of this request. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Beshear