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## Conservation Compliance Provisions Could Be Made More Effective





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The Honorable E (Kika) de la Garza  
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture  
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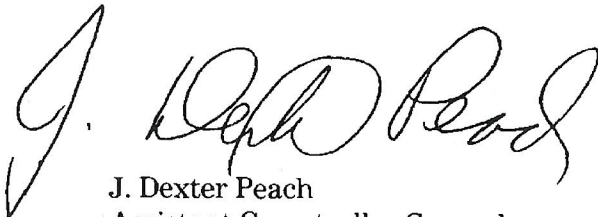
Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your request and subsequent discussions with your office, this report discusses the Department of Agriculture's administration of the conservation compliance, sodbuster, and swampbuster provisions of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985.

As requested by your office, we obtained oral comments from the Department of Agriculture. Department officials generally agreed with a draft of the report. We plan to distribute this report today to the Secretary of Agriculture and other interested parties.

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Sincerely yours,



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