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--TELL YOUR SENATORS TO SUPPORT THE FARM ACT---Common-sense legislation has been introduced in Congress to fix air emission reporting requirements for farms and ranches, but farmers and ranchers’ voices are needed to make it a reality. The Fair Agricultural Reporting Method Act, S. 2421 or the FARM Act, will exempt most farms and ranches from unnecessary reporting of routine air emissions from animals and their manure. If Congress doesn’t act, as many as 200,000 farms and ranches across America could be required to report their daily emissions – or face fines of up to \$54,000 per day and the threat of activist lawsuits for failure to report.

“We urge Congress to act swiftly to pass this legislation so farmers are free to run their businesses safely and efficiently,” said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. Tell your senators to support S. 2421 today. Visit [FBAdvocacy online](#) to learn how.

---FARM BUREAU CALLS FOR CLARITY ON EXEMPTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL HAULERS---While again urging the Department of Transportation to grant agricultural haulers a waiver and limited exemption from the electronic logging device mandate, Farm Bureau in recent comments responded to the department’s efforts to provide clarity to the 150-air mile agricultural commodity exemption and the hours of service regulations.

Until recently, very few Farm Bureau members or agricultural haulers were aware of their ability to use the newly interpreted 150-air mile agricultural commodity exemption, which provides exceptions from the HOS rules for the transportation of agricultural commodities within a 150-air mile radius from the source of the commodities. Enforcement officials, too, likely have very little knowledge about this exemption. This lack of awareness,

combined with the unforgiving realities of ELD technology, makes the need for clarity more pressing, Farm Bureau emphasized.

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