

Mahoney Fights for Farm Bill

Issues Statement Opposing President's Veto and Urges Override

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) issued the following statement regarding the President's veto of H.R. 2419 Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008:

"The President's veto of the Farm Bill makes it is clear that even though the he owns a ranch, he is not a rancher. It is clear that he does not understand that to have national security, America needs food security. It is clear that while the White House whines about crop subsidies, this Administration's failed economic policies have resulted in \$4 per gallon gas and skyrocketing fertilizer costs and are driving farmers out of business.

Although not perfect, for the first time, this farm bill gives Florida agriculture some of the funds we need to help market and protect our crops. It ensures that our nation's hungry children and seniors get Florida's fresh fruit and vegetables. It invests in conservation that will speed up our efforts to save the Everglades. Finally, the Farm bill in combination with the Energy bill, provides rural Florida a new beginning by breaking the "corn ethanol monopoly" and ensuring that Florida, the biggest biomass producing state in the nation, takes its rightful place as a leader in renewable energy production.

I call on my colleagues to vote to override the President's veto."