I wanted to follow up on my previous e-update and let you know that the Obama administration has abandoned its plan to limit youth under 16 from working on family farms. This rule would have made it difficult for youth to get the experience they need for a career in agriculture, such as moving livestock and operating machinery. Because of the implications for family farms in Northern California and across the nation, I cosponsored H.R. 4157, the Preserving America's Family Farms Act, which would have prevented the regulation from going into effect. In December, I also joined over 150 other representatives in expressing opposition to the proposed rule. While the administration has backed down from this plan under pressure, I will continue to work to protect American farmers from any other obtrusive regulation that may be put forward by the administration in the future.