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The Honorable Richard Burr
U.S. House of Representatives
1526 Longworth Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

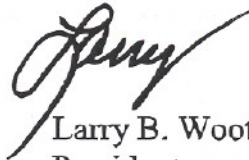
Dear Congressman Burr:

Congratulations on passing the tobacco buyout, and thank you for your leadership in Congress on this critical issue.

As you know, passage of the tobacco buyout is a remarkable legislative accomplishment that has been more than five years in the making. Thanks to your efforts working with your colleagues in the state's congressional delegation and your leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives, the buyout is now a reality. The buyout provisions attached to H.R. 4520, the Jobs Act, will pump approximately \$3.9 billion into North Carolina's economy. It will help tobacco farmers make sound business decisions relating to their farming operations, and allow families to plan for the future.

At North Carolina Farm Bureau, we value our relationship with you and your staff, and we are always ready to work with you in the best interests of North Carolinians. Thank you for all that you do for North Carolina agriculture.

Sincerely,



Larry B. Wooten
President

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*Rep. Burr - What else can I say except - Thank you!
I know this buyout would not have happened
without your year of work and persistence.*

