

WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Declaration of the Platform and Resolutions Committee

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FAIR 2012 FARM BILL:

WHEREAS, the federal Farm Bill is also a Food Bill, in that its provisions have great impact on the health of Americans;

WHEREAS, the federal Farm Bill funds the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), a program that is vital to low-income working families;

WHEREAS, excessive subsidization of commodity crops, such as corn and wheat, is harmful to the environment and a poor use of taxpayer resources; and

WHEREAS, subsidization of corn ethanol production hurts the poor by raising food prices, while having minimal impact on climate change and fossil fuel dependence;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE THAT WE SUPPORT A 2012 FARM BILL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

PRINCIPLE 1. Full funding for SNAP is preserved.

PRINCIPLE 2. Subsidies are shifted away from commodity crops and toward fruits and vegetables, organic agriculture, and other practices that promote sustainability and health.

PRINCIPLE 3. Subsidies for corn ethanol are ended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT WASHINGTON COUNTRY DEMOCRATS SHALL:

Forward this resolution to Oregon's Congressional delegation and encourage its members to support a fair federal 2012 Farm Bill in accordance with these principles.

Submitted by Michael Goff, PCP. Passed, as amended, by the Washington County Platform and Resolutions Committee, 12 July, 2011.