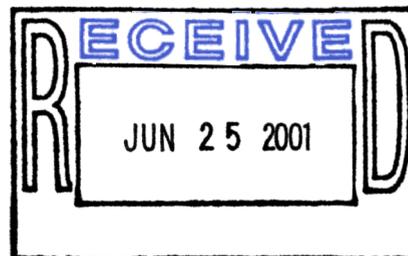


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Re: Request for comments to be used in a review of 1990 amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act – Docket number (CN-01-002), 66FR 16440, March 26, 2001.

Dear Ms. Rick:

I am a cotton producer in Leary, Georgia and am in strong support of the Cotton Incorporated and Cotton Board Research and Promotion Program continuing without conducting a referendum at this point in time. My opinion is that all of our promotion and research needs within the United States' cotton industry are being comprehensively met. Therefore, I am completely against wasting our assessment dollars on a clearly unnecessary process. With the current economic strife in the cotton industry, it is paramount that we continue to invest in this program, not in a needless referendum. This seems to be the feeling of other farmers I speak to as well. I hope that you will consider our views and abandon the idea of a referendum for now. Thank you for all your oversight of our industry and for considering my comments made here.

Sincerely,

  
Jimmy Webb