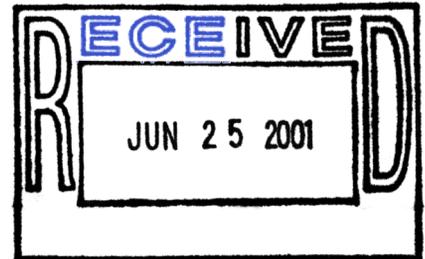


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RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS TO BE USED IN A REVIEW OF 1990 AMENDMENTS TO THE COTTON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ACT – DOCKET NUMBER (CN-01-002), 66FR 16440, MARCH 26, 2001.

DEAR MS. RICK:

I AM A COTTON PRODUCER IN TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA AND FULLY SUPPORT OF THE COTTON INCORPORATED AND COTTON BOARD RESEARCH AND PROMOTION PROGRAM CONTINUING WITHOUT CONDUCTING A REFERENDUM AT THIS 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,

RICHEY SEATON