

## **AFBF Supports Halt to EPA Regulation of Greenhouse Gases**

WASHINGTON, D.C, January 20, 2010—The American Farm Bureau Federation supports legislative efforts by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) to stop an Environmental Protection Agency proposal to regulate carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.

In a letter to Murkowski that was sent to all senators, AFBF President Bob Stallman said the EPA proposal is ill-timed because climate discussions held in Copenhagen last month did not produce a “meaningful international agreement that puts all nations on a level playing field with respect to carbon emissions.”

“In the absence of such an international agreement, it would be foolish for our country—from both an economic and an environmental standpoint—to undertake such regulatory action as contemplated by EPA. Administrator Lisa Jackson testified before the Senate last summer that the U.S. acting on its own cannot affect the global climate,” Stallman wrote. “Yet, it is clear that a regulatory scheme such as that contemplated under the endangerment finding would have significant negative effects on the economy.”

In the letter, Stallman noted a resolution passed unanimously by delegates to AFBF’s 91<sup>st</sup> annual meeting last week that not only expressed opposition to cap-and-trade legislation but that “strongly supports any legislative action that would suspend EPA’s authority to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.”