

U.S. Rep. Kind: Statement on Washington's attack on Wisconsin farmers

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La Crosse - Today, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind slammed Congressional Leadership for continuing a blatant attack on Wisconsin's small and family farmers by passing the hyper-partisan 2018 Farm Bill, HR 2: the Agriculture and Nutrition Act. His statement is below:

"The Farm Bill that passed today in the House of Representatives lavishes millions of dollars of taxpayer subsidies on large agribusinesses and cuts vital conservation programs at the expense of our family farmers," said Rep. Ron Kind. "We need a Farm Bill that will work for our family farmers in Wisconsin - not for powerful special interests in Washington."

Rep. Kind introduced bipartisan amendments to the 2018 Farm Bill to create more transparency in the crop insurance and subsidy programs, protect the Conservation Stewardship Program within the Farm Bill Conservation Title, and avoid trade disputes with Brazil due to U.S. cotton subsidies. His amendments were blocked by the House Committee on Rules. The first vote on the 2018 Farm Bill failed in late May, and was brought to the House floor for a second vote without debate or amendment consideration.