

## Why This Bill Is Needed

Every community shares the risks and the responsibility to organize economies that sustain life and vitality of ecosystems. Right now, communities do not have the economic tools they need to care for themselves and the planet.

Public resources are tied up in subsidies for the industrial food chain-the very industry whose success depends on practices that create greenhouse gases, food and water scarcity, soil and water contamination and biodiversity destruction.

We cannot afford to continue to subsidize an economic system that erodes the very foundation for sustaining life today and for future generations.

### **Where We Are Now**

The industrial system was not inevitable. It was created.

Three things fuel the current food economy:

- Billions of public dollars (annual subsidies)
- Public policy (as defined by the Farm Bill)
- Trade arrangements (crafted to create markets)

Together these provide a powerful combination of tools. It is a winning combination.

### **How We Turn the Tables**

The Community Food & Water and Farm Bill adopts this combination, but redirects the public investments, replaces the *current* Farm Bill, and establishes trade arrangements that are fair to people and the planet.

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***We need a publicly funded food and water economy -  
just not the one we have now***