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NASCOE Cap-Wiz Alert Launched

Issue at Hand: FSA Fundamental "Perfect Storm" Reorganization Plan

This alert is going to our House and Senate members regarding the FSA administrations plan to reduce county offices with out consulting congressional members, local farmers or FSA county office employees. There also have been VSIP and VERA options offered to employees with out Congressional or County Office Association consultation.

We are asking that our Congressional Members contact USDA to determine the details of any possible county office restructure plan and encourage a delay in implementation of said plans until USDA reviews possible savings by consolidating the functions of state offices, Washington, DC and other operational levels of FSA.

Please send immediately. This is a time sensitive issue.

Participants: It is important that all KASCOE/NASCOE members participate. If you are already signed up for Cap-Wiz there is an alert waiting for you at home on your home computer e-mail address. All you will need to do is click on the link in the e-mail and "act now."

Joining Cap-Wiz: If you are not a member you should go home and access the KASCOE Website <http://kascoe.org/default.aspx> and click on "Cap-Wiz" to sign up. **IMPORTANT: Government computers, and government e-mail addresses cannot be used for Cap-Wiz. All Cap-Wiz activities must be done at home.** You will also need to be sure to use a home e-mail address when signing up for Cap-Wiz.

New members who sign up for Cap-Wiz after the alert was issued will need to do the follow the following additional steps to send the current alert:

- 1) On the Cap Wiz page click on the blue link called "issues" (it is in smaller font under the Legislative Information Heading)
- 2) In the Current Action Alerts Box click on "*NASCOE Response to Proposed Budget Cuts*"
- 3) Click "send message" only send once

Timeline: Time sensitive– immediately

Work-Around: You may get a message from some of your congressional representatives telling you that they will not accept messages put together by Cap-Wiz. This message will direct you to copy and paste your special message directly into the "Contacts" section of the congresspersons website. You will need to follow the instructions noted in the e-mail. NASCOE Cap-Wiz representatives are working to resolve this potential problem.

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