

Amendment Offered by Rep. Gabe Vasquez (NM-02)Amendment Description:

This amendment would require USDA to honor and fund all existing contracts and reopen all closed field offices.

AMENDMENT TO _____
OFFERED BY MR. Vasquez of New Mexico

Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. _____. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FUNDING AND
2 OFFICES.

3 The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

4 (1) immediately after the enactment of this Act,
5 unfreeze funding for and implement all written
6 agreements and contracts entered into by the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture prior to the date of enactment
8 of this Act;

9 (2) as rapidly as possible after the enactment of
10 this Act, pay all past due amounts owed by the Sec-
11 retary of Agriculture under agreements and con-
12 tracts described in paragraph (1);

13 (3) not cancel any signed agreement or contract
14 with a farmer or an entity providing assistance to
15 farmers, unless the farmer or entity has failed to
16 comply with the terms and conditions of the con-
17 tract; and

18 (4) not close any Farm Service Agency county
19 office, Natural Resources Conservation Service field
20 office, or Rural Development Local Service Center

1 without providing written notice and justification to
2 Congress not later than 60 days before the date on
3 which the applicable office or center is intended to
4 be closed.

