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Dr. John W. Boyd, Jr.  
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Dear Dr. Boyd:

Please let the farmers you work for and with know that the effort continues to get H.R. 5575, the "Pigford Claims Remedy Act of 2006" passed before this Congress is over. Your tireless efforts to keep us on the case, in coordination with the efforts of our Senate colleagues working on an identical bill and the White House, makes it still possible to get the job done.

I am in daily communication with Congressman Chabot, Congressman Conyers and other key members to get the legislation acted on. We are not sure yet whether the House bill or the identical Senate bill will get acted on first, but whichever one does will become the vehicle for getting the legislation passed.

I am committed to doing everything I can to get H.R. 5575 passed this Congress. I am aware, however, that this legislation only addresses the problem of the 75,000 claimants who did not get a decision on the merits of their claim, so after we get it passed, I am also committed to working with you, other farmers and other members of Congress to move comprehensive legislation to assist Black farmers in the next Congress.

I want to thank you for all the dedication, expertise and guidance you give to these issues. I look forward to bringing H.R. 5575 to a successful close this Congress and to working with you next Congress on improving the plight of our black farmers.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. "Bobby" Scott  
Member of Congress

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