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General Comment

I am writing to formally request reimbursement of ERP funds that I previously repaid at the direction of the FSA office due to the lack of forage insurance on my operation. My forage is not sold for cash and is fully utilized through my cow herd. As part of my risk management practices, I maintain one to two years of forage reserves on hand specifically to mitigate drought risk. Based on this structure, forage insurance has not historically been applicable to my operation. At the time I was instructed to repay a portion of my ERP funds, I complied in good faith with that direction. Since then, I have become aware that other producers in similar circumstances were not required to repay ERP funds and that enforcement of these repayments has since been paused. Given this pause and the apparent inconsistent application of program requirements, I respectfully request reconsideration of my repayment and reimbursement of the funds previously returned. I believe it is reasonable and equitable that producers in similar situations be treated consistently under the program. These funds would provide meaningful support to my operation during the current agricultural economic conditions and would align with the relief intent of the ERP program. Thank you for your time and consideration. We filled out the application to the best of our knowledge with the help of FSA employees.

Sincerely,
Timothy Jungwirth