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*Farm & Food Justice for All*

**Re. Paul Wellstone**

To the Editor:

Paul Wellstone was Minnesota's senator, but he spoke for New Yorkers too. New York is one of our nation's most important agricultural states, and Wellstone supported critical efforts that would help keep family farms competitive, build strong urban-rural economies, and feed us healthy produce – all while protecting and sustaining the environment, upon which agriculture ultimately depends.

It would be a great tribute to Paul Wellstone if the senators and representatives who instead voted for poor policies in the farm bill would now reflect on what he stood for. Perhaps they would realize that policies favoring economically and environmentally destructive practices – while undermining our food security – are not in the public interest.

Wellstone didn't just stick up for the "little guy" or the small-scale farmer because it was quaint and cute. He did it because it was right.

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