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## SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND RANCHERS POLICY RESEARCH CENTER

Dear Farmers and Community Based Organizations:

The Socially Disadvantaged Farmer and Rancher (SDFR) Policy Center at Alcorn State University is working with a number of organizations to collect information on adverse (harmful) actions taken by FSA on debt collection.

It has been brought to our attention that some FSA county offices have accelerated the loans of Black farmers and initiated foreclosure proceedings against Black farmers who should have received 100 percent debt relief under the America Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021. As a result of the ARP, there is supposed to be a moratorium on foreclosures and other adverse actions on loans that were on FSA books as of January 2021. Additionally, we understand that FSA is putting liens on the 2021 crops (peanuts and cotton), and when the crops are harvested, refuse to pay, or allow the farmers to be paid directly and demand that the funds be paid against the loan. The farmers and the crops are flagged due to a government loan process.

Please inform us if you are experiencing such adverse actions or are aware of anyone who is experiencing such actions as foreclosures, threats, set asides on social security or other income, liens on crops, or harassment by FSA county offices. We would like the farmer's name, race, county, and state, along with a list of adverse actions taken by FSA since the ARP was approved. If the farmer is not willing to have their name used, then provide the county, state, and race, along with the list of actions being taken since ARP was passed.

Please help us gather this information as soon as possible and return by Friday, December 17, 2021 at the latest. Please send your information to:

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We will gather this data, summarize it, and provide to Congress and others to be used in policy development.

Thanks for your participation at this crucial time in our fight for Black farmers. Please forward this letter to other SDFR and Community Based Organizations in your networks. We look forward to hearing from you.



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## Adverse Action(s) by FSA on Farmer Loan(s)

Farmer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Race \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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## Adverse Actions After America Rescue Plan Act

Accelerated Loans \_\_\_\_\_

Liens on Crop Income \_\_\_\_\_

Threats of or initiated Foreclosures \_\_\_\_\_

Set-Aside on Social Security or other Income \_\_\_\_\_

Collection Letter \_\_\_\_\_

Other Adverse Actions \_\_\_\_\_