

Last week, I cosponsored a bill to prevent the Department of Labor from finalizing regulations that would limit the ability of farmers to hire young men and women for basic chores.

Like many Hoosiers who worked on a farm in their youth, I was concerned that the proposed regulations by the Department of Labor do not reflect the realities of rural America. With the summer months nearly upon us, many high school-aged students are looking forward to a summer job on the farm and earning a few dollars along the way. Family farming and youth employment are traditions in Indiana and throughout the Midwest. I can think of few places better than an Indiana farm where our youth can truly learn the values of personal responsibility and hard work.

I was pleased to learn that later yesterday afternoon, the U.S. Department of Labor reversed course and withdrew its proposed rule that would prevent children from working in agriculture professions. You can read the Labor Department's [press release here](#) . This is a victory for Indiana agriculture and I commend the Hoosiers who made their opinions known to the Obama Administration.