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Statement from Lt. Governor Kinder on Legislature's Rejection of Tax Increases for Farmers

JEFFERSON CITY – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today released the following statement after the Missouri State Senate and House of Representatives voted to strike down a proposal which would raise taxes on many Missouri farmers:

“Today, I applaud the men and women of the Missouri General Assembly for standing up for Missouri farmers and voting to repeal this proposed tax increase from the Missouri Tax Commission.

“A 29-percent tax increase, following one of the worst farm income years since 1945, would have been devastating to our farmers. Agriculture is the largest industry in our state, and the legislature must help these businesses succeed.

“While Gov. Nixon’s appointee to the state tax commission voted for the proposed tax increase, many Democrats joined us in this noble effort to protect Missouri farmers.

“This week, Republican lawmakers in the House of Representatives and the State Senate made good on our promise: we **WILL NOT** raise taxes.”

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