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Annual Notice to NASCOE Members

Congressional Influence/Activities

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The NASCOE Legislative Committee is providing this notice as a reminder to all members, and FSA employees, that county employees, while on FSA official duty or in their FSA official capacity, are prohibited from influencing, or attempting to influence, members of Congress in any manner to favor or oppose any legislation or appropriation.

FSA <u>employees acting as private citizens are free to express their viewpoints</u> to members of Congress, provided these activities do not take place during their regular tour of duty. Employees are <u>prohibited</u> from using any government resources while making these expressions.

All employees should refer to the following required posters to be displayed in all USDA Service Centers for further guidance on political activities:

- Rules on Political Activity
- The Hatch Act
- Prohibited Personnel Practices

If you have questions about any potential prohibited activity, NASCOE encourages you to contact your state association officers.