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Ms. Ann Cornwell
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 320
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Cornwell:

I am requesting that this letter be filed and recorded in the Journal of the 2003 Eighty-Fourth General Assembly regarding an incorrectly recorded vote.

House Bill Number 1652, House Bill No. 1653 and House Bill No. 1654 were voted on April 2, 2003. These bills all had to do with nutrient management that would regulate the spreading of chicken litter and fertilizer on pastures located primarily in northwest Arkansas. I was on record as opposing these bills in the Agriculture, Economic & Industrial Development Committee, and speaking against the bills for two central reasons.

First, I felt that the regulations as a result of the bills passage would unfairly single out farmers in my area of the state. Secondly, I felt that all of the burden was being placed on the growers and very little on the integrators.

The Journal correctly shows that I did not vote for either House Bill No. 1652 or House Bill No. 1653; however, it incorrectly shows me to have voted for House Bill No. 1654. It is a well known fact among my fellow Senators on the Agriculture, Economic & Industrial Development Committee and the administration of Arkansas Soil and Water, that I was outspoken in my opposition to these bills.

Let the record reflect by placement of this letter where appropriate, that I did not cast a yes vote on House Bill Number 1654.

Thank you,

Randy Laverty
Senator, District 2