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Mr. Theodore Eldridge, Arkansas FSA State Committee Chairman

The National Association of Farmer Elected Committees is an organization that represents COC members nationwide. NAFEC believes that local control through our elected committees is a very important part of the success of our FSA offices and the timely and efficient delivery of our programs.

NAFEC appreciates the hard work and dedication of your Arkansas State Committee as well as State Committees across the country. NAFEC is aware of the action taken by the Arkansas STC February 8, 2016 which delegated the review/approval/disapproval of County Executive Director's work schedules, leave, credit hours, travel authorizations to the District Directors.

NAFEC has never found a situation in any state where such action was taken for all COC's in a state. In addition, there was no cause listed for the action taken. Since none of the COC's involved voted to delegate the authority to their DD's, COC's are asking why they have to act to ask for the authority back when the State Committee was the committee that acted. NAFEC asks that the Arkansas State Committee consider rescinding the letter dated February 8, 2016 and restoring the authority back to local county committees.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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