

VI. Request for Comments

The Commission finds that U.S. tobacco farmers and tobacco-farming communities are in perilous financial conditions. Public input indicates that immediate relief is needed for many tobacco growers and many family farms who are burdened with a severe financial crunch caused by declining quotas and increased foreign competition. At the same time, the problems facing U.S. tobacco farmers and their communities require long-term solutions and comprehensive approaches. There are no quick fixes.

Because of the many complex problems associated with tobacco production and public health, all interested parties are invited to comment on issues raised in this Preliminary Report or on any other issues pertinent to the Commission's charge. Public comments on this Preliminary Report are requested through February 16, 2001. Comments may be made through the Commission's website www.fsa.usda.gov/tobcom, by email to tobcom@wdc.usda.gov, by fax 202 418-4270, or by writing:

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