

California Medical Association Healthy Agricultural Practices

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WHEREAS, the United States farm bill is set to be reauthorized in 2012; and

WHEREAS, there is a close interrelationship between food, agriculture and health; and

WHEREAS, health care professionals have great credibility on health policy among policymakers, especially as we are treating more food and nutrition related disease among children, including rising rates of obesity and its related complications; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That CMA support the development of healthier food systems through federal farm subsidies and legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA support healthy agricultural practices including, but not limited to, improved food safety, sustainable production methods, reduction of pesticide use, regulation of confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) and support for local/regional food systems.