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**For Immediate Release:**

## **Bipartisan, Bicameral Congressional Delegation to Announce Legislative Remedy for African-American Farmers**

*Congressmen Scott, Chabot Team-up with  
Senators Grassley and Obama to Introduce  
The Pigford Claims Remedy Act*

*'Legislation Will Provide Thousands of Claimants Access to Justice'*

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressmen Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (D-VA), Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Barack Obama (D-IL) will introduce bipartisan legislation designed to help thousands of African-American farmers who were denied entry into the *Pigford v. Glickman* settlement, which ended a discrimination lawsuit between African-American farmers and the Department of Agriculture (USDA). Members of both Houses plan to introduce the ***Pigford Claims Remedy Act*** at **12:00 PM Noon on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 in Room 2237 of the Rayburn Office Building.**

The settlement followed the 1997 filing of a class action lawsuit by minority farmers against the USDA. The lawsuit claimed that the USDA had discriminated against African-American farmers because of their race when applying for farm loans or other forms of assistance in violation of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. The ***Pigford Claims Remedy Act*** will allow more than 70,000 claims previously rejected on procedural grounds to be reviewed based on merit.

**What:** **Press Conference to Introduce *The Pigford Claims Remedy Act***

**Who:** **Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (D-VA)**  
**Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH)**  
**&**  
**Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)**

**When:** **Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 12:00 PM Noon**

**Where:** **Room 2237 of the Rayburn Office Building**

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