Washington, DC – Congressman Sam Farr (D-CA) issues the following statement regarding H.R.1473, the agreement reached last week to fund the government through the remainder of the current fiscal year.

“The results of a government shutdown would have been devastating to our weak economy and to millions of seniors, veterans and families that depend on a functioning government. While I am relieved Congress and President Obama were able to reach an agreement of funding for the rest of the year, I am disappointed that such a high price must now be paid.

We all agree that we have a responsibility to get our fiscal house in order, but slashing away at funding that safeguards our food supply and keeps food on the table of the most vulnerable is not the balanced solution we need.”

Congressman Sam Farr is the Ranking Member of the Appropriations’ Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies.

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