

Congressman Jeff Flake

Voted Against

Arizona

Farmers

& Ranchers



- Arizona agriculture is a \$10.3 billion industry.

Source: Arizona Farm Bureau, 2012


- Arizona has 15,500 farms accounting for 26,100,000 acres.


Source: 2011 State Agriculture Overview, Arizona Agricultural Statistics Service


- Arizona has 50 farmers' markets.

Source: Arizona Dept. of Agriculture

 Rep. Flake voted **against** the 2007 Farm Bill to reauthorize farm, nutrition assistance, rural development, energy and agricultural trade programs from fiscal 2008-2012. *HR 2419, 5/14/08, Roll call 315; 7/27/07, Roll call 756*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** an amendment to increase funding by \$6 million for the farmers' market promotion program to be offset by reductions in the Office of the Chief Information Officer account. *HR 4766, 7/13/04, Roll call 369*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** the 2001 Farm Bill to reauthorize farm, nutrition, rural development, agricultural trade, and conservation programs over 10 years. *HR 2646, 10/5/01, Roll call 371*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** an amendment to the 2001 Farm Bill to require retailers of fresh fruits, vegetables or any other perishable agricultural commodity to label fresh produce with its country of origin. *HR 2646, 10/4/01, Roll call 370*

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Agriculture Issues Ratings for Rep. Jeff Flake

National Farmers Union:
2009-2010: **0%**

2005-2006: **0%**

American Farm Bureau Federation:
2007-2008: **23%**

United Fresh Produce Association:
2007: **0%**



Congressman Jeff Flake Says NO to Rural Broadband



- **35.8% of rural Arizonans lack access to fast broadband Internet service.** *Source: Eighth Broadband Progress Report, FCC, 8/21/12*
- **Between FY's 2001-02 and FY2011, Arizona has received \$33.2 million from the Broadband Loan Program.**
Source: Congressional Research Service, 3/7/12
- **Between FY's 2002-03 and FY 2011, Arizona has received \$5.5 million from the Community Connect Broadband Grants program.**
Source: Congressional Research Service, 3/7/12



Rep. Flake voted **against** requiring the Federal Communications Commission to consider the effect on rural broadband before issuing rules and regulations to ensure the changes would not impact programs aimed at expanding high-speed Internet in rural areas.
HR 3309, 3/27/12, Roll call 136



Rep. Flake voted **for** an amendment to cut \$8.9 million to finance broadband transmission in rural areas eligible for Distance Learning & Telemedicine Program benefits.
HR 3161, 8/2/07, Roll call 805

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Congressman Jeff Flake Sold Out to China




- **Between 2001-2011 Arizona had 47,100 net jobs displaced due to trade with China.** *Source: Economic Policy Institute, Briefing Paper #345, 8/23/12*
- **In 2011, U.S. imports from China totaled a record \$399.3 billion.** *Source: New York Times, 3/6/12*
- **Arizona lost 20,475 manufacturing jobs (or 12%) during the NAFTA-WTO period (1994-2011).** *Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 3rd Q 2011*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** a bill to ensure that the United States could impose duties on subsidized goods from China.
HR 4105, 3/6/12, Roll call 96

 Rep. Flake voted **against** a bill that would allow the United States to seek trade sanctions against China and other nations for manipulating their currency to gain trade advantages.
HR 2378, 9/29/10, Roll call 554

 Rep. Flake voted **against** a bill to make sure China abides by previous trade practices, including a system to monitor compliance with trade rules on intellectual property rights, market access for U.S. goods, services and agriculture.
HR 3283, 7/27/05, Roll call 437

 Rep. Flake voted **against** the resolution to deny the president's request to provide Normal Trade Relations for items produced in China for the period July 2001 – July 2002.
HJ Res 50, 7/19/01, Roll call 255

**2009-2010
Jobs and Trade Ratings
for Jeff Flake**

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Prosperous America : F**

Congressman Jeff Flake Burned Arizona Firefighters & First Responders

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- **Between FY 2001-FY 2010, Arizona received \$52.1 million in Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) to local fire departments and Emergency Medical Services organizations to help address equipment, training and other firefighter-related and EMS needs.** *Source: Congressional Research Service, 6/8/12*
- **Between FY 2005-FY 2010, Arizona received \$33.2 million in SAFER Grants for hiring, recruiting and retaining firefighters under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Firefighters program.** *Source: Congressional Research Service, 6/8/12*



Rep. Flake voted **against** an amendment to the FY 2012 Homeland Security Appropriations bill to add \$320 million for anti-terrorism grants used by local fire departments to fund equipment purchases and recruit and train personnel. The amendment set funding for firefighters programs at \$670 million for the budget year. *HR 2017, 6/1/11, Roll call 384*



Rep. Flake voted **against** the FY 2012 Homeland Security Appropriations bill in committee. The bill provides funds to support the global war on terror, FEMA disaster relief and FEMA AFG and SAFER programs. In addition, the measure would provide \$11.8 billion for Customs and Border Protection — a roughly 4 percent boost over last year — including \$500 million for border-security fencing, infrastructure and technology. It also would provide \$5.9 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a less than 1 percent boost over last year. *HR 2017, 5/24/11*



Rep. Flake voted **against** the FY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations bill that contained \$810 million for firefighters, and \$800 million for physical and electronic fencing on the Mexican border. *HR 2892, 10/15/09, Roll call 784*

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Congressman Jeff Flake

Stands Against Native Americans



Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill to pay for claims from the settlement in the Cobell case which awarded \$3.4 billion to American Indians who were cheated out of royalties for resources such as oil, gas and timber.
HR 4783, 11/30/10, Roll call 584



Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill to create a program to provide services to assist with outreach and development of small business startups and expansions owned by Indian tribe members administered by the Small Business Administration.
HR 2284, 6/20/07, Roll call 515



Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill to permit federal law enforcement officials to investigate the production and sale of counterfeit American Indian arts and crafts.
HR 725, 7/21/10, Roll call 455



Rep. Flake voted **against** an amendment to prohibit government funds from being used to adversely affect American Indian sacred sites on certain federal lands.
HR 4568, 6/10/04, Roll call 252



Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill renewing the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 through FY 2012, to help Native Americans living on tribal grounds to build infrastructure and obtain affordable housing.
HR 2786, 9/6/07, Roll call 859

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Congressman Jeff Flake Voted to Send Our Jobs Overseas

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- Arizona will lose 62,928 jobs to Korea because of the Korea Free Trade Agreement.
- Most of these jobs will be in the electronics, transportation equipment and metal products sectors.

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission



Rep. Flake **voted for** the Korea FTA. Korea is one of only three countries that our government has labeled a currency manipulator. The Korea FTA has no provisions to counter cheating such as currency devaluations which would totally eliminate the purported tariff cut benefits and make our exports more expensive to Koreans than they are now. *H R 3080, 10/12/11, Roll call 783*

The Korea FTA would allow foreign corporations to skirt our U.S. courts and directly challenge our laws before the United Nations and other tribunals to demand compensation from our tax dollars for claimed violations of the trade pact. America shouldn't be signing trade deals that put taxpayers on the line for payouts we can't afford to corporations that offshore jobs.

2009-2010
Jobs and Trade Ratings
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Prosperous America : **F**

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Congressman Jeff Flake Votes Against Renewable Energy


- **Arizona ranked third in the nation in solar photovoltaic installations as of January 2012, increasing from 63 megawatts in 2010 to 273 megawatts capacity in 2011.**
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, July 2012
- **Arizona has 20 rural electric cooperatives serving 230,430 consumers.**
Source: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 2012
- **Arizona received 10 Rural Energy for America Program grants totaling \$166,815 in 2011.** *Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 8/16/11*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill funding the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). REAP provides funds for farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements. *HR 2112, 6/16/11, Roll call 459*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** the Rural Energy Savings Act, the bill for \$5 billion over five years to create the Home Star Energy Efficiency Loan Program, to support loans to finance energy-efficient home renovations and the Rural Star Savings Energy Program for zero-interest loans to rural electric co-ops for the purpose of spurring energy-efficient construction by rural property owners. *HR 4785, 9/16/10, Roll call 530*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** the Solar Technology Roadmap Act, the bill to establish a long-term partnership among the federal government, the private sector and universities to develop and market solar technologies between 2011-2015. *HR 3585, 10/22/09, Roll call 807*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill to extend more than \$17 billion in tax credits and other incentives to encourage energy production from solar, wind and other renewable sources, and to promote energy conservation. The bill was financed by ending tax breaks for oil and gas producers. *HR 5351, 2/27/08, Roll call 84*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** an amendment to require retail electricity suppliers, starting in 2010, to produce at least 2.75% of electricity from renewable energy sources, increasing annually to 15% by 2020. *HR 3221, 8/4/07, Roll call 827*

**Energy Issues Ratings
for Rep. Jeff Flake**
League of Women Voters
Energy Score: 2007: **0%**
Campaign for America's Future
Energy Score:
2005-2006: **0%**

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Congressman Jeff Flake Voted Against Healthy Nutrition for Our Kids



- **During FY 2011, 661,437 Arizona kids participated in the National School Lunch Program and 261,170 kids participated in the School Breakfast Program.**
Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Service, 8/30/12
- **During the 2008-2009 school year, 84% of eligible children in Arizona received free school meals.** *Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Service, October 2009*
- **Arizona ranks 25th in the nation for childhood obesity, and nearly 29 percent of low-income children ages two to five in Arizona are either overweight or obese.**
Source: Desert Living Today, 11/29/11



Rep. Flake voted **against** the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 the bill to improve child nutrition programs and combat child obesity through fiscal 2015. The bill: extends school lunch and breakfast programs, increased federal reimbursement rates per meal for the first time in 30 years, expands Farm-to-School programs for supplying fresh, local Arizona-grown produce for cafeterias and establishes school vegetable gardens. *S 3307, 12/2/10, Roll call 603*



Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill to reauthorize the Child Nutrition Act through fiscal 2008. The bill covers the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs, Child and Adult Care Food Program and After-School Snack Program. It also required schools to develop wellness polices setting standards for nutrition education and physical activity and to set guidelines for food sold on campus. *HR 3873, 3/24/04, Roll call 82*

**Family and Children Ratings
for Rep. Jeff Flake**

School Nutrition Association :

2009-2010: 0%

2007-2008: 0%

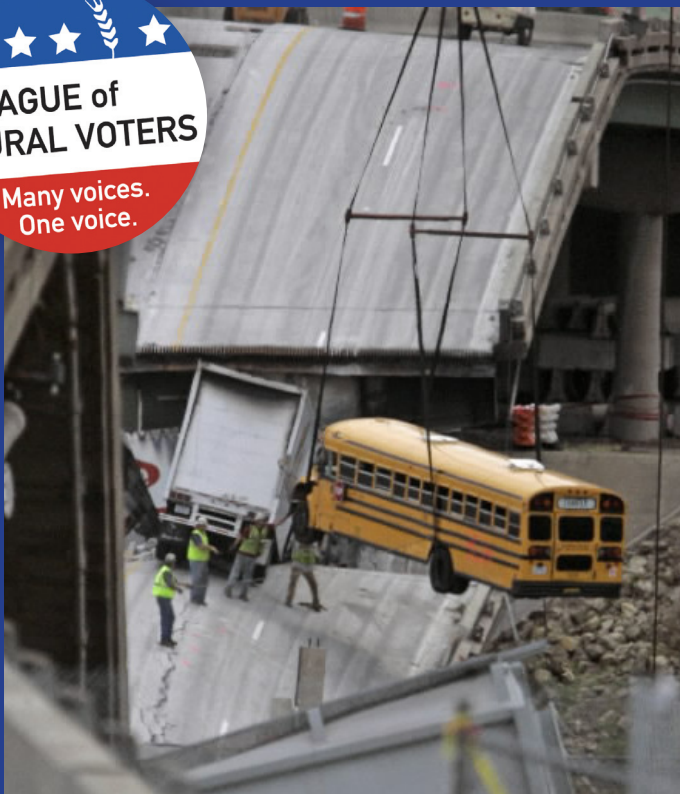
2003-2004: 0%

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2009-2010: 0%

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Congressman Jeff Flake Voted Against Our Roads and Bridges

- **21% of Arizona's roads are in poor or mediocre condition. Driving on roads in need of repair costs Arizona motorists \$887 million a year in extra vehicle repairs and operating costs – \$205 per motorist.** *Source: TRIP, April 2012*
- **Between FY 2005-2009, Arizona received \$1.07 in return from each dollar contributed to the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund.** *Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office, GAO 11-918, September 2011*
- **The Federal Highway Administration estimates that each dollar spent on road, highway and bridge improvements results in an average benefit of \$5.20 in the form of reduced vehicle maintenance costs, reduced delays, reduced fuel consumption, improved safety, reduced road and bridge maintenance costs and reduced emissions as a result of improved traffic flow.** *Source: TRIP, April 2012*
- **Four in five (80%) voters agree that federal funding to improve and modernize transportation "will boost local economies and create millions of jobs from construction to manufacturing to engineering."** *Source: The Rockefeller Foundation Infrastructure Survey, 2/14/11*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill to transfer \$8 billion from the Treasury to the Highway Trust Fund to fund road and bridge projects. *HR 6532, 9/11/08, Roll call 587*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill to speed the release of billions of dollars previously authorized for highway and transit projects. *HR 1195, 4/30/08, Roll call 229*

 Rep. Flake was one of only nine congressmen to vote **against** the bill that reauthorized \$283.9 billion for highway and transit programs from fiscal 2004-2009. *HR 3, 3/10/05, Roll call 65*

**Transportation Issues Ratings
for Rep. Jeff Flake**

**American Road & Transportation
Builders Association:**

2005-2006: 0%

2003-2004: 50%

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Congressman Jeff Flake Turned His Back on Arizona Veterans





• Arizona ranks 14th highest in the nation with veterans as a percentage of the population at 12.3%. *Source: U.S. Census Bureau*

 Rep. Flake was one of only 12 congressmen to vote **against** all funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs in FY 2013 including money for VA medical care, disability compensation and the post-9/11 GI Bill. *HR 5854, 5/31/12, Roll call 305*

 Rep. Flake was one of only five congressmen to vote **against** all funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs for FY 2012. *HR 2055, 6/14/11, Roll call 418*

 Rep. Flake was one of only four congressmen to vote **against** extending through Dec. 31, 2015, the bill to bar lenders from initiating mortgage foreclosures for nine months after a servicemember returns from military duty. *HR 3976, 3/23/10, Roll call 176*

 Rep. Flake voted **against** the new GI Bill that pays for higher education costs at public universities for post-9/11 military veterans. *HR 2642, 5/15/08, Roll call 330*

 Rep. Flake was one of only two congressmen to vote **against** funding for the Veterans Business Development Office and the Women Veterans Business Training Resource Program to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans and armed forces reservists. *HR 4253, 12/6/07, Roll call 1138*

**Veterans Organizations Ratings
for Rep. Jeff Flake**

Vietnam Veterans of America:
2011: **0%**

Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America:
2009-2010: **F**

The Retired Enlisted Association:
2006: **0%**

Disabled American Veterans:
2004: **0%** 2005: **0%**



Congressman Jeff Flake Says NO to Arizona's Water Needs



- **Arizona's drinking water infrastructure needs an investment of \$9.12 billion over the next 20 years.**

Source: Drinking Water Needs Survey and Assessment, U.S. EPA, 2003

- **Arizona has \$4.57 billion in wastewater infrastructure needs.**

Source: Clean Water Needs Survey, U.S. EPA, 2004



Rep. Flake was one of only 10 congressmen to vote **against** the National Water Research & Development Initiative Act of 2009, the bill to improve the performance of the 20-plus federal agencies concerned with providing the nation with adequate water supplies and clean drinking water. *HR 1145, 4/23/09, Roll call 205*



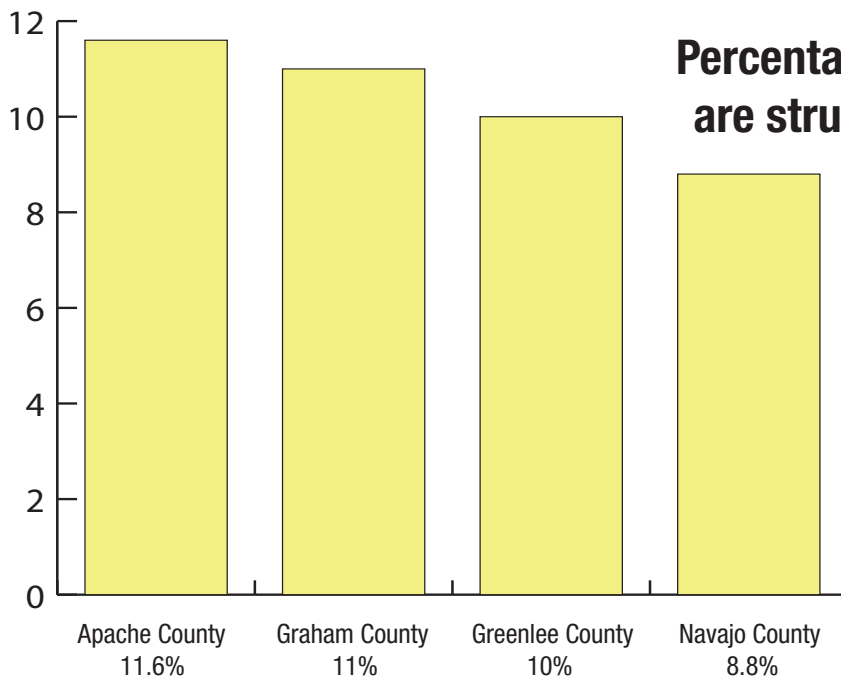
Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill to authorize \$125 million in grants to municipalities for developing alternate sources of water for homes, farms and industry. The grants would fund technologies for reclaiming wastewater and promoting water conservation. The bill would require EPA to consider whether an alternative water source project is located in an area with a public water system serving 10,000 or fewer when selecting grant recipients for the pilot program. *HR 700, 3/8/07, Roll call 130*

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Congressman Jeff Flake Voted Against Fixing Our Bridges



- **12% of Arizona's bridges are rated as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.**

Source: Transportation for America, April 2012

- **Arizona was the third-highest state with the percentage of bridges with delayed inspections (26.7%).**

Source: MSNBC, 1/30/08

**Transportation Issues Ratings
for Rep. Jeff Flake**

**American Road & Transportation
Builders Association :**

2005-2006: 0%

2003-2004: 50%



Rep. Flake voted **against** the National Highway Bridge Reconstruction & Inspection Act of 2008, the bill that authorized \$1 billion for fiscal 2009 for the Federal Highway Administration's Highway Bridge Program. The bill required annual inspections of structurally deficient bridges and improved uniformity in state bridge inspections and evaluations. The bill also required reports on the impact of bridge closings and a study on using carbon fiber composite materials in bridge projects. *HR 3999, 7/24/08, Roll call 530*

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Congressman Jeff Flake Said NO to Rural Health Care





- **Arizona has 17 Medicare certified rural health clinics.**


Source: Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 1/9/12


- **In 2010, Arizona had 384,287 patients served by federally-funded community health centers. 63% of these patients live in rural Arizona.**

Source: National Association of Community Health Centers, Nov. 2011

 Rep. Flake voted for a bill to **scale back** the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education program designed to train primary care physicians and dentists for work in underserved communities. HR 1216, 5/25/11, Roll call 340

 Rep. Flake voted **against** a bill to authorize \$14.1 billion in fiscal 2008-2012 for the community health centers program and \$25 billion in fiscal 2009-2011 for an integrated health systems project to improve access to care in underserved areas. HR 1343, 6/4/08, Roll call 372

 Rep. Flake was one of only three congressmen to vote **against** the bill for \$10 billion for the federal community health centers program between fiscal 2007-2011. HR 5573, 6/21/06, Roll call 306

 Rep. Flake was one of only five congressmen to vote **against** the bill to authorize funds between fiscal 2002-2006 for community health centers, the National Health Service Corps and rural health care providers. S 1533, 10/16/02, Roll call 466

**Health Care Ratings
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National Rural Health Association :
2005-2006: **0%**
2003-2004: **0%**

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Congressman Jeff Flake Voted Against “Green” Schools



- **Three out of four Americans support federal investment in school building improvements focused on creating healthier learning environments, saving tax dollars or lowering carbon emissions.**

Source: U.S. Green Building Council's Center for Green Schools, 10/5/11

-  Rep. Flake voted **against** the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public Schools Facilities Act that authorized \$6.4 billion for public school renovations that use mostly “green” building materials and increase energy efficiency. HR 2187, 5/14/09, Roll call 259; HR 3021, 6/4/08, Roll call 379
-  Rep. Flake voted **against** an amendment to the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public Schools Facilities Act to allow funding in the bill to be used for renewable energy generation and heating systems, such as solar, photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, biomass and wood pellet systems. HR 3021, 6/4/08, Roll call 376
-  Rep. Flake voted **against** an amendment to provide \$1 million for the Energy Smart Schools Program, to improve the energy-efficiency of school buildings. HR 4568, 6/16/04, Roll call 251

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Congressman Jeff Flake

Turned His Back on Rural Arizona



- **Arizona is 17.9% rural.** *Source: 2010 U.S. Census*
- **Since 2009, water and wastewater treatment projects in Arizona have received nearly \$59 million in funding.** *Source: Eastern AZ Courier, 8/1/12*
- **Since 2009, rural portions of 14 of Arizona's 15 counties have received \$96.1 million in funding under USDA's Community Facilities Program.** *Source: Eastern AZ Courier, 8/1/12*



Rep. Flake voted **to cut** \$6 million from the Rural Community Advancement Program which provides rural development direct loans, loan guarantees and grants. *HR 3161, 8/2/07, Roll call 804*



Rep. Flake voted **against** an amendment in the 2001 Farm Bill to shift \$100 million in farm payments to rural improvement grants, including \$45 million annually for rural strategic planning initiatives, \$45 million annually for community water assistance and \$10 million annually for the Value-Added Producer Grants program. *HR 2646, 10/4/01, Roll call 369*



Rep. Flake voted **against** the bill to authorize \$30 million for HUD's Rural Housing and Economic Development program in FY 2008 and \$40 million each year from fiscal 2009-2013. *HR 1982, 7/16/07, Roll call 631*



Rep. Flake voted **against** the FY 2002 Agriculture Appropriations bill that contained \$4.6 billion for Rural Electric and Telecommunications loans and \$4.5 billion for Rural Housing loans. *HR 2330, 7/11/01, Roll call 221.*



Rep. Flake voted **against** the FY 2005 Agriculture Appropriations bill that contained \$2.4 billion for rural development programs. *HR 4766, 7/13/04, Roll call 370*

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