About Senator Kaufman

- Only serving U.S. Senator to have worked as an engineer.
- B.S. in mechanical engineering from Duke University.
- Registered engineer in North Carolina.
- Worked for DuPont in Delaware.
Elevating Awareness of the Role of Engineers in the Economy

Promoting and Working with Engineers

- Press
- Meetings
- Speaking Engagements
- Legislation
Background: 2008 Farm Bill

- To continue programs at the Department of Agriculture through 2012.

- Sec. 7204 authorizes research and extension grants to increase participation by women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in STEM fields.
Research and Extension Grants for Women and Minorities in STEM

- No funding in FY 2009.

- Letter to Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture.

- Last week, President Obama signed into law the FY 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill which included $400,000 for this important area.
For More Information


- Land grant colleges that serve rural areas would be eligible to apply.
STEM Education Coordination Act

- 105 federal STEM education programs at numerous agencies.

- S. 1210 establishes a committee in NSTC to coordinate these programs.

- Better coordination will ensure that our investments in STEM education are spent as efficiently and effectively as possible.