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"It is no accident that the growing number of attacks on crop insurance today all seek to undo the four milestone achievements that make crop insurance a success. Packaged as "reforms", the attacks seek to return crop insurance to the 1970s, convinced that Congress would then pull the plug on what would become a failed program. CIPA is effectively fighting this cynical effort... but we need your help."

CIPA Chairman, William Cole

Crop Insurance Professionals Association is a unique **national crop insurance organization** that's **led solely by agents** and **focused solely on crop insurance**.

CIPA has **strong representation in Washington** by **Combest, Sell & Associates**. Members of the Combest Sell team include:

- **The Honorable Larry Combest**, former House Agriculture Committee Chairman and House author of the 2002 Farm Bill and 2000 Crop Insurance Bill
- **Tom Sell**, a lawyer and former principal staff on the House Agriculture Committee and at USDA
- **Jeff Harrison**, the lead House lawyer on the 2000 Crop Insurance Bill and former senior Senate staff
- **Brandon Willis**, former RMA Administrator and senior Senate staff, lawyer and analyst
- **Jill Whitley**, former crop insurance agent trainer who now leads CIPA membership development efforts
- **Brad Weddelman and Linsey Ogden** who grew up on the farm and ranch and earned agricultural degrees, positioning them as a bridge between agriculture and young Capitol Hill staff

Both on the ground and in Washington, CIPA knows the ins and outs of crop insurance legislation and regulation because CIPA agents and Washington representatives have lived and breathed it. For CIPA, **protecting and promoting crop insurance** is not just a job, it's a passion. **CIPA PAC** — the political arm of CIPA — is the **largest crop insurance PAC in Washington** dedicated to supporting champions and defeating opponents of Federal Crop Insurance.

Members of CIPA can expect CIPA to be:

- **Responsive** to the needs and interests of crop insurance agent members, assisting agents in cutting through red tape in order to tackle general issues facing all agents or challenges unique to some.
- A **member-driven organization** that ensures the agent voice is heard, promoting the exchange of information and ideas among agents as well as producers, companies, and policymakers.
- **Informative**, providing members with a **weekly newsletter** keeping members abreast of what agents need to know about activity in Washington that affects them.
- **On top of the issues**, with members receiving **special alerts when action is required** to achieve a good outcome for crop insurance — or avoid a bad one.
- **Engaged with members**, with members invited to **two premier crop insurance meetings every year**, in the spring in Kansas City, and in the fall at various locations, to hear from lawmakers, key Capitol Hill staff, relevant USDA and RMA personnel, farm groups, journalists, political pundits, academics, and other speakers of interest to agents.
- Active from the ground up, with members elected to serve as **Officers and Board Members** and nominated to serve on **Committees**, including the **Legislative Affairs, Regulatory Affairs, and Technology Committees**.

If you believe that Federal Crop Insurance is sound policy and good for the nation and local communities and are willing to stand up for your belief, we strongly encourage you to join CIPA. For more information, call any member of CIPA's team at Combest Sell & Associates at **(202)544-5873**, call **Jill Whitley directly at (806)577-7193**, or visit **www.cipatoday.com**. You can also **follow us on Facebook at @CIPAToday**.

"CIPA is an indispensable partner in protecting and promoting Federal Crop Insurance in Washington in a political environment where crop insurance is under new attack every day."

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway