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Government has a role to play

I am writing to praise the recent series of articles looking at the fatal Interstate 55 dust-storm crashes and Illinois farmers. This awful tragedy could have been avoided if we had learned from the past. Following past dust storms and the Dust Bowl in the 1930s, there were efforts to change farming, with a focus on conservation. The article does an excellent job telling this history and offering possible solutions to the current crisis.

We call on farmers and state and federal governments to adopt conservation practices that can prevent future tragedies. Raising livestock on pasture and focusing on regenerative approaches to farming are good for the environment, farmers, animals and consumers. Adopting these practices is a win-win for all involved.

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— *Harry Rhodes, executive director, Food Animal Concerns Trust, Chicago*