May 14, 2024

Dear Chairman Sanders, Chairwoman Rodgers, Ranking Member Cassidy and Ranking Member Pallone:

We are writing to encourage Congress to pass the Innovative Feed Enhancement and Economic Development (Innovative FEED) Act of 2023 (S. 1842 and H.R. 6687), which will modernize the regulatory review pathway of innovative feed ingredients for use on U.S. farms and ranches.

The bipartisan bill would amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) to confirm a regulatory path for non-nutritive animal food ingredients that act in the animal’s gut to provide production benefits, address human food safety concerns and affect the byproducts from digestion from the animal. Currently, these products can only come to market if they go through the Food and Drug Administration’s animal drug approval process. This legislation will provide the necessary changes to ensure these ingredients are reviewed as food additives, which is a more appropriate pathway to review safety to the animal and for the humans consuming the resulting food products and the effectiveness of the intended use. This change will allow these products to get to market more quickly for U.S. farmers and ranchers to use if they so choose.

S. 1842 and H.R. 6687 will bring animal food regulation into the 21st century allowing U.S. farmers and ranchers access to these technologies to compete globally. Dozens of countries have already approved these feed ingredients and those farmers and ranchers are safely using these products, yielding results that improve animal production and well-being, diminish pre-harvest food safety concerns, and boost sustainability opportunities for dairy, livestock and poultry farmers. U.S. agriculture is at a competitive disadvantage without this authority.

We urge the House and Senate to pass the Innovative FEED Act as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Iowa State Dairy Association
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Kansas Grain and Feed Association
Kansas Livestock Association
Kemin Industries, Inc.
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Kentucky Equine Research
Laidig Systems, Inc.
Lallemand Animal Nutrition
Land O’Lakes, Inc.
Lincoln Premium Poultry
Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association
Meat Institute
Michigan Agri-Business Association
Michigan Milk Producers Association
MicroSynergies
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National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Grain and Feed Association
National Milk Producers Federation
Natural Biologics, Inc.
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NewStar Sourcing and Service
North American Renderers Association
Northeast Dairy Farmers Cooperatives
Northeast Dairy Producers Association
Northwest Dairy Association
Novozymes North America
Novus International
Nutrient Agri Products
NutriQuest
Ohio AgriBusiness Association
Ohio Dairy Producers Association
Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association
Oklahoma Grain & Feed Association
Oligo Basics USA LLC
Omega Protein, Inc.
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Oregon Feed and Grain Association
Pacific Coast Renderers Association
Pacific Egg and Poultry Association
Pacific Northwest Grain & Feed Association
Perfection Pet Foods, LLC
PerforMix Nutrition Systems LLC.
Phileo by Lesaffre
Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania
Profile Products LLC
Proliant Dairy, LLC
Provitas LLC
Quality Liquid Feeds, Inc.
Quincy Farm Products
R&D LifeSciences, LLC
Ralco Nutrition
Rocky Mountain Agribusiness Association
RP Nutrients, Inc.
SAM Nutrition
Select Milk Producers
Sietsema Farms
South Dakota Agri-Business Association
South Dakota Dairy Producers
South East Dairy Farmers Association
Southeast Milk Inc
SouthFresh Feeds
Springfield Farm Enterprises, Inc.
Star Milling Co.
Sweet Manufacturing Co.
Symbrosia
Synergy Feeds, LLC
Tennessee Feed & Grain Assn.
Texas Grain and Feed Association
The Lauridsen Group, LLC
The Maschhoffs, LLC
The Peterson Company
Tier 1 Nutritionals, Inc.
Tillamook County Creamery Association (Tillamook)
Triple Crown Nutrition, Inc
Trouw Nutrition USA
Turface Athletics
U.S. Poultry & Egg Association
United Animal Health
United Dairymen of Arizona
United Egg Producers
Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc.
Vermont Feed Dealers and Manufacturers Association
Virginia State Dairymen's Association
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