

June 13, 2023

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor and Pensions
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor and Pensions
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Sanders and Ranking Member Cassidy:

We are writing to encourage the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and Congress to quickly pass the Innovative Feed Enhancement and Economic Development (Innovative FEED) Act of 2023 (S. 1842), the legislative solution needed to modernize the regulatory approval 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.

S. 1842 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 Committee and Senate to pass the Innovative FEED Act in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

AB Vista Inc.
Adisseo USA, Inc.
ADM Animal Nutrition, a division of Archer Daniels Midland Company
AFB International
AgPack LLC
Agricultural Retailers Association

Agri-King
Agri-Mark, Inc.
AgState
Alltech
American Feed Industry Association
American Pet Products Association
Animix
Anitox Corporation
APC, LLC
Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI)
Augusta Cooperative Farm Bureau, Inc.
Belstra Milling Co
Berg Schmidt America LLC
Bill Barr and Company, Inc.
BioZyme Inc.
Blue Ocean Barns Inc.
Braswell Milling Co.
California Dairies, Inc.
California Grain and Feed Association
Chr. Hansen, Inc.
Church & Dwight Co., Inc. Arm & Hammer Animal and Food Production
CJ BIO America Inc.
Cochecton Mills Inc.
CPC Commodities
Dairy Farmers of America
Danone North America
Devenish Nutrition, LLC
DPI GLOBAL
DSM Firmenich
Elanco Animal Health
Evonik Corporation
Famo Feeds
FEED MARKETING Advisors
Feedworks USA Ltd.
Flint River Mills, Inc.
FMF Specialty Agri Products
Furst-McNess Company
Gannon Associates Insurance
Glanbia Nutritionals
Global Animal Products
Goldstar Feed and Grain LLC
GPP Inc.
Grain and Feed Association of Illinois
Hallway Feeds

Hamlet Protein Inc.
Herschel J. Gaddy & Associates
H-H Specialty Agri Products, Inc.
ILC Resources
International Ingredient Corporation
International Nutrition, Inc.
Kalmbach Feeds Inc.
Kansas Grain and Feed Association
Kansas Livestock Association
Kent Nutrition Group, Inc.
Kentucky Equine Research
Laidig Systems, Inc.
Lallemand Animal Nutrition
Land O'Lakes, Inc.
Lincoln Premium Poultry
Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association
Michigan Milk Producers Association
MicroSynergies
Minnesota Grain and Feed Association
Montana Feed Association
National All-Jersey, Inc.
National Animal Supplement Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Grain and Feed Association
National Milk Producers Federation
Natural Biologics, Inc.
Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance
NewStar Sourcing and Service
North American Meat Institute
North American Renderers Association
Northwest Dairy Association
Novozymes North America
Novus International
Nutrient Agri Products
NutriQuest
Ohio AgriBusiness Association
Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association
Oligo Basics USA LLC
Perfection Pet Foods, LLC
PerforMix Nutrition Systems LLC
Phileo by Lesaffre
Profile Products LLC
Proliant Dairy, LLC
Provitas LLC

Quality Liquid Feeds, Inc.
Quincy Farm Products
R&D LifeSciences, LLC
RP Nutrients, Inc.
SAM Nutrition
Sietsema Farms
Southeast Dairy Farmers Association
Southeast Milk Inc.
SouthFresh Feeds
Springfield Farm Enterprises, Inc.
Sweet Manufacturing Co.
Synergy Feeds, LLC
Texas Cattle Feeders Association
Texas Grain and Feed Association
The Lauridsen Group, LLC
The Peterson Company
Tier 1 Nutritionals, Inc.
Tillamook County Creamery Association
Triple Crown Nutrition, Inc
Turface Athletics
U.S. Poultry & Egg Association
United Animal Health
United Dairymen of Arizona
United Egg Producers
Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc.
Vita Plus Corporation
Western Milling
Wheeler Brothers Grain Company
Wight and Patterson Inc.
WL Port-Land Systems, Inc.
Yara North America, Inc.
Zeigler Bros., Inc.
Zinpro Corporation

Cc:

Senator Tammy Baldwin
Senator Michael Bennet
Senator Roger Marshall
Senator Jerry Moran