

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 29, 2025

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

The Honorable Jamieson Greer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Secretary Rollins and Ambassador Greer,

We write to commend the Trump Administration's continued leadership in supporting America's farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers. The Administration's efforts to expand processing capacity, open additional grazing lands, enforce rules for usage of "Product of USA" labels, and strengthen the USDA's remote grading program represent meaningful progress toward ensuring that the United States remains the world's leading supplier of safe, high-quality beef. These actions have reinforced confidence in rural America and underscored the Trump Administration's commitment to revitalizing domestic agriculture.

We respectfully draw your attention, however, to the recently announced plan to expand imports of Argentine beef as a means of easing retail prices. While we share the Administration's goal of lowering costs for consumers, we are concerned that granting additional market access to Argentina - already one of our largest beef suppliers - will undermine American cattle producers, weaken our position in ongoing trade negotiations, and reintroduce avoidable animal-health risks. On average, Argentina exports over \$200 million of beef annually to the U.S. while purchasing less than \$2 million of U.S. beef in return. This persistent imbalance, combined with Argentina's continued tariffs on U.S. beef and its documented history of foot-and-mouth disease, raises serious questions about reciprocity, safety, and long-term fairness.

While we recognize the value of diversified global supply chains, it is critical that trade decisions reflect science-based animal-health standards and the principle of fair and reciprocal treatment. Providing greater access to nations that maintain barriers against U.S. beef or have previously struggled to maintain animal-health transparency risks disrupting markets and depressing cattle prices without delivering measurable benefits to consumers. We encourage the Administration to ensure that any adjustments to Argentina's tariff-rate quota or inspection regime be contingent on verified equivalency and reciprocal market access for American beef. Furthermore, the Administration should maintain its aggressive posture towards unfairly traded imports from Brazil which, in recent years, have flooded the American market.

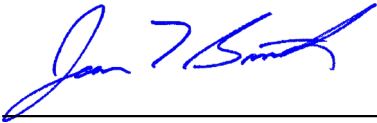
We believe strongly that the path to lower prices and stronger competition lies in continued investment at home - expanding U.S. processing capacity by supporting small and medium processors, lowering costs for ranchers and processors, and increasing access to grazing lands - rather than in policies that advantage foreign competitors. Maintaining a level playing field for America's producers will reinforce the Trump Administration's broader efforts to rebuild rural prosperity and strengthen U.S. food security.

We appreciate your continued dedication to strengthening our agricultural economy and your willingness to engage directly with America's ranching community. We look forward to working with you to ensure that U.S. trade policy supports American producers, protects consumers, and preserves the integrity of our nation's cattle industry.

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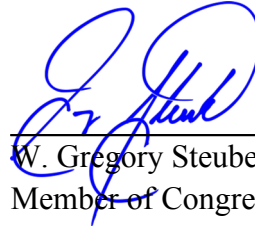
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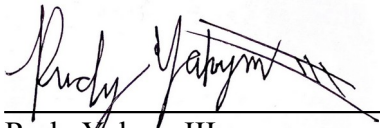
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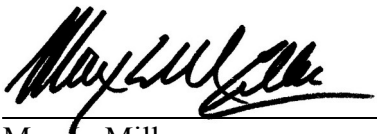
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