

Call Congress Week
To Support Interstate Meat Sales Legislation
S. 3519 (Sen. Hatch) and H.R. 6130 (Rep. Blunt)

Week of September 25 thru 29

We need to get more cosponsors for S. 3519 and H.R. 6130 before Congress adjourns next week! We have designated the week of Monday, September 25th as "Call Congress Week" to support interstate meat sales legislation.

Please take a few minutes to call and/or fax your Senators and House Representatives beginning Monday, September 25th through the 29th.

Attached is a list of Senators and House Agriculture Committee Members who need to hear from us. The list includes the telephone and fax numbers for their state/local district offices. If your representative is not on this list, then please call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 225-3121 and ask the operator to connect you with their Washington, D.C. office. The congressional telephone contact lists are also posted on the new coalition webpage at: <http://www.nasda.org/InterstateMeatShipment/>

Also attached is a "Petition to Congress" if you want to fax or mail it to your Senators and House Representatives. It's posted on the website.

When calling your Senators and House Representatives, please ask them to cosponsor interstate meat sales legislation introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch and Rep. Roy Blunt (S. 3519 and H.R. 6130).

Here are some talking points to remember:

Allowing interstate meat sales is just common sense—no other food commodities are prohibited from being shipped across state lines.

Foreign-produced meat is allowed to be freely shipped and sold nationwide—this is unfair and hurts U.S. small businesses.

The Hatch-Blunt legislation makes sense—farmers and ranchers will have more opportunities to compete in the marketplace. It expands small business, rural economies, and regional trade.

Thanks for your help!