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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 Ag ProVision, LLC 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 Ben & Jerry's Homemade Holdings Inc. **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 Daybrook Fisheries, Inc. 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 Idaho Dairymen's Association **ILC Resources Indiana Dairy Producers** 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 Association of State Departments of Agriculture National Council of Farmer Cooperatives National Grain and Feed Association National Milk Producers Federation Natural Biologics, Inc. NewStar Sourcing and Service North American Meat Institute North American Renderers Association Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance Northwest Dairy Association Novozymes North America Novus International Nutrient Agri Products **NutriQuest Ohio AgriBusiness Association** Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Oklahoma Grain and Feed 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 (Tillamook) 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 Westway Feed Products Wheeler Brothers Grain Company, LLC Wight and Patterson Inc. WL Port-Land Systems, Inc. Yara North America, Inc. Zeigler Bros., Inc. Zinpro Corporation

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