

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Glenn “G.T.” Thompson
Chairman
House Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Thompson:

I write to respectfully request that the House Committee on Agriculture convene an emergency hearing to examine President Trump’s August 26 proclamation authorizing up to 300,000 metric tons of lean beef trimmings to enter the United States over the next three months without the otherwise applicable above-quota tariffs and permitting these products to be sold below market value, creating a disadvantage for American cattle producers.

The Administration has stated that the action is intended to address elevated beef prices and increase the supply of ground beef for American consumers. However, the decision has raised significant concerns among cattle producers, agricultural organizations, and consumers about what, if any, economic relief this policy will provide. Furthermore, industry stakeholders have raised concerns that the potential long-term negative impacts of this policy, including higher beef prices and forcing cattle farmers out of business outweigh any short-term relief, which would be temporary and minimal at best.

The Committee has a responsibility to understand the implications of the President's latest policy for American agriculture. Thus, the hearing should examine the potential consequences of this proclamation for American cattle producers, the domestic cattle herd, and the long-term stability of our nation’s beef supply chain. Additionally, the Committee should examine whether the proclamation is likely to provide any meaningful relief for consumers and whether it could further undermine the long-term viability of the U.S. cattle industry and our domestic beef supply.

I urge you to convene an emergency hearing at the earliest possible opportunity so that Members of the Committee can conduct appropriate oversight and hear directly from the Administration, stakeholders, and the producers most affected by this decision.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued leadership.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress