

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 21, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

As members of the California delegation, we urge House leadership to oppose any Farm Bill that includes language overturning or weakening California's Proposition 12 or similar state standards.

In 2018, more than 7.5 million Californians voted in favor of Proposition 12, which requires some livestock to be held in systems that comply with specific standards for freedom of movement, cage-free design, and specified minimum floor space. Congress should not use the Farm Bill to override the clear will of California voters. In November 2025, 182 House Democrats signed a letter addressed to the House Agriculture Committee opposed to the EATS Act, the Save Our Bacon Act, or any similar measure in the Farm Bill. This position remains both principled and necessary.

In previous Congresses, House Democrats successfully blocked efforts to overturn state animal confinement laws. We must do so again. Proposition 12 has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in *National Pork Producers Council v. Ross*, which affirmed that states can require companies selling products within their borders to comply with state law. The legal question is settled.<sup>1</sup> The law is in effect, and the market has already adapted – nearly a decade after voters approved it. Many farmers and food companies have already spent significant money and made changes to comply with Proposition 12. A federal override now would punish those who followed the rules and create even more uncertainty in the market.

We strongly urge that no Proposition 12 repeal or preemption language be included in the Farm Bill. If the Farm Bill includes any provision that undermines Proposition 12 or similar state standards, we urge you to oppose it and prevent it from moving forward.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> *National Pork Producers Council v. Ross* (May 11, 2023) (accessed March 6, 2026) (online at [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/22pdf/21-468\\_5if6.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/22pdf/21-468_5if6.pdf))



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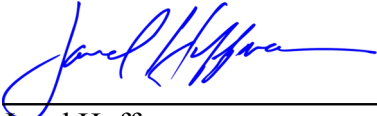
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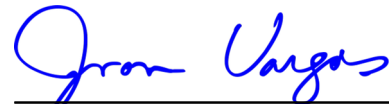
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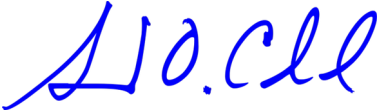
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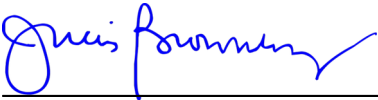
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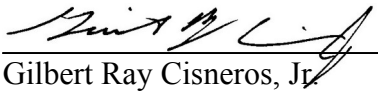
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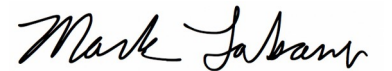
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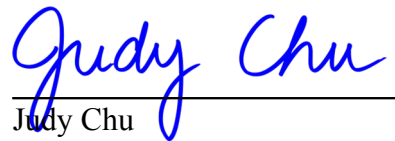
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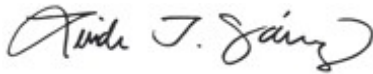
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