

# 2022 Legislative Plan

## Action Step: Everyone Must Make Calls To Your U.S. Senators and Representative

Call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for your Senators and Representative by name.

**Ask to Speak to Their Ag Staffer and Here's What to Say:** I am a cattle producer (or consumer) from (your City and State) and I need Senator (Senator's last name) or Representative (Representative's last name) to...(Read from information provided below starting after 'Ask your Senators/Representative:' for each bill).

Continue to follow up with weekly calls until they commit to support the primary focus legislation below and if they express interest or would like follow-up information, ask to schedule a meeting with the Ag staffer, yourself and R-CALF USA (let the R-CALF USA office know at 406-252-2516).

### Primary Focus Legislation:

**Ask your Senators:** To Cosponsor **Sen. Booker's (D-NJ) bill S. 3285 - the Protecting America's Meatpacking Workers Act of 2021.** The Act includes all the important reforms needed to fix the broken cattle market such as mandatory country of origin labeling (MCOOL) for beef, requirement for large packers to buy 50% of their cattle in the cash market, a ban on unpriced contracts and a ban on packer ownership of cattle for more than 7 days. **Ask your Representative:** To cosponsor **Rep. Ro Khanna's (D-CA) bill H.R. 6250.**

**Ask your Senators and your Representative:** To cosponsor **Sen. Thune (R-SD), Sen. Tester (D-MT), Sen. Rounds (R-SD), and Sen. Booker's (D-N.J.) bill S.2716 - the American Beef Labeling Act of 2021 - To restore mandatory country of origin labeling (MCOOL) for beef.** **Ask your Representative:** To sponsor identical legislation in the House of Representatives.

**Ask your Senators:** To cosponsor **Sen. Grassley (R-IA) and Sen. Tester's (D-MT) bill S.949 - To foster efficient markets and increase competition and transparency among packers that purchase livestock from producers [2021].** It requires beef packers with more than 1 plant to purchase at least 50% of their cattle in the cash market each week for each plant and requires those cattle to be harvested within 14 days of purchase. **Ask your Representative:** To sponsor **Rep. Cynthia Axne's (D-IA) bill H.R. 7501 - To foster efficient markets and increase competition and transparency among packers that purchase livestock from producers [2020].**

### Secondary Legislation:

**Ask your Senators:** To cosponsor **Sen. Jon Tester's (D-MT) bill S. 3230 - A bill to require the establishment of a working group to evaluate the food safety threat posed by beef and poultry imported from Brazil, and for other purposes [2021].** The bill suspends imports of beef and poultry from Brazil until the working group submits its recommendations regarding whether or not the importation of beef and poultry should be permitted. **Ask your Representative:** To sponsor identical legislation in the House of Representatives.

**Ask your Senators:** To cosponsor **Sen. Mike Lee's (R-UT) bill S. 2861 - Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act of 2021.** The bill prevents USDA checkoff programs from paying organizations that lobby on agricultural issues, prohibits anticompetitive behavior, bans activity that involves a conflict of interest, and requires audits to ensure compliance. **Ask your Representative:** To cosponsor **Rep. Dina Titus's (D-NV) bill H.R. 4291 - Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act of 2021.**

**Ask your Senators:** To cosponsor **Sen. Mike Lee's (R-UT) bill S. 2860 - Voluntary Checkoff Program Participation Act [2021].** The bill would prohibit mandatory checkoff programs. **Ask your Representative:** To sponsor **Rep. Riggleman's (R-VA) bill H.R. 5699 - Voluntary Checkoff Program Participation Act [2020].**

**Ask your Senators:** To cosponsor **Sen. Mike Rounds' (R-SD) bill S.107 - New Markets for State-Inspected Meat and Poultry Act of 2021.** The act allows meatpacking plants inspected by state jurisdictions to sell meat in interstate commerce. **Ask your Representative:** To cosponsor **Rep. Liz Cheney's (R-WY) bill H.R. 1998 - Expanding Markets for State-Inspected Meat Processors Act of 2021.**

**Ask your Senators:** To sponsor **Sen. John Thune's (R-SD) bill S. 370 - Strengthening Local Processing Act of 2021.** The act will increase the federal share of costs for state inspection programs and Cooperative Interstate Shipment (CIS) facilities to encourage more states to operate state inspection programs and participate in CIS. **Ask your Representative:** To cosponsor **Rep. Chellie Pingree's (D-ME) bill H.R. 1258 - A bill to amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act and the Federal Meat Inspection Act to support small and very small meat and poultry processing establishments, and for other purposes [2021].**

**Ask your Senators:** To cosponsor **Sen. Angus King Jr.'s (I-ME) related bill S. 2001 - the PRIME Act or Processing Revival and Intrastate Meat Exemption Act [2021].** The PRIME Act repeals the federal ban on the sale of meat from custom slaughterhouses, returning control to the states to permit producers to sell meat processed at a custom slaughterhouse within the state. **Ask your Representative:** To cosponsor **Rep. Thomas Massie's (R-KY) bill H.R. 3835 - the PRIME Act [2021].**

**Ask your Senators:** To sponsor **Sen. Marshall's (R-KS) bill S.2558 - the FAIR Meat Packing Act or Feed America by Incentivizing Rural Meat Packing Act [2021].** The bill allows a 25% investment tax credit through 2025 and a refundable income tax credit for the startup and organizational expenditures of livestock processing facilities with fewer than 500 employees. **Ask your Representative:** To cosponsor **Rep. Jason Smith's (R-MO) bill H.R. 4854 the FAIR Meat Packing Act.**