

Fighting for the U.S. Cattle Producer!



Top 10 Reasons to Oppose NAIS' Premises Registration

- 1.** Registering a premises with the Federal government without receiving just compensation constitutes a voluntary surrender of any constitutional rights – right of property and freedom from unreasonable governmental searches – associated with registered premises.
- 2.** Registering a premises with the Federal government without receiving just compensation constitutes a voluntary submission to any invasion of private property rights and government intrusion into private business operations associated registered premises.
- 3.** Registering a premises without entering into a contract that expressly limits the Federal government's authority over the premises may result in subjecting the premises and its registrant to any and all future rules, regulations and policies that the Federal government may later decide to impose on such registrants.
- 4.** Registering a premises under the guise of protecting against the *spread* of Foreign Animal Diseases effectively gives the Federal government a license to abandon the most effective means of *preventing* Foreign Animal Diseases in the first place – disallowing imports from disease-affected countries.
- 5.** Registering a premises without entering into a contract that expressly prohibits the Federal government from allowing access to premises information could subject the registrant to unwanted exposure to other Federal and state agencies and animal rights extremists.
- 6.** Registering a premises could result in greater legal exposure of cattle producers for events that occur after the registrant's cattle leave the farm or ranch.
- 7.** Registering a premises would result in the voluntary inclusion of the registrants' farm, ranch, home, and cattle to a general system of permanent registration of personal property that currently is only applicable to items that could be highly dangerous if misused – automobiles and guns.
- 8.** A registered premises alone provides no greater disease trace-back potential than simply knowing the owner of the animal or animals in question . . . unless there is far more to the Federal government's plan than to simply obtain registered premises.
- 9.** Premises registration is the foundational building block needed by the Federal government to immediately implement a full-scale, mandatory National Animal Identification System (NAIS), with little to no input from cattle producers.
- 10.** Voluntary premises registration sends a strong signal to the Federal government that U.S. cattle producers give the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) a high approval rating for all the agency's policies and actions that impact U.S. cattle producers – it demonstrates that U.S. cattle producers have the utmost faith and trust in the USDA's past, present and future actions.

**R-CALF USA does not support USDA's aggressive efforts to register
U.S. livestock premises.**

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