

April 28, 2004

The Honorable Joe Barton
Chairman
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

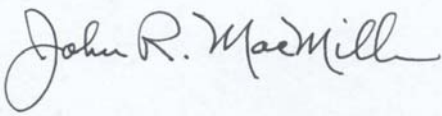
Dear Chairman Barton,

We ask you to consider S.741 as you move forward on the Minor Use Minor Species Animal Health Act (MUMS). We have communicated with your staff member, Bud Albright, and described to him the importance of adopting S.741 as it stands.

Our organizations and others have worked hard to help craft the mutually acceptable compromise on MUMS that was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2004. It was a thorough process to develop the best bill possible. We have attempted over several Congresses to pass this bill. Now, we have agreements on all sides for its passage. Any changes to this carefully-crafted compromise language would likely lead to additional controversy that could kill the bill for the remainder of this Congress.

Mr. Chairman, we ask you to bring this bill out of committee without any amendments to either Title of S. 741, place it on suspension, and adopt it by the House without any changes, so the bill would go from the House to the White House for the President's signature. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has assured us that in its present form the President will sign it.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association
Alaska State Veterinary Medical Association
American Animal Hospital Association
American Association of Bovine Practitioners
American Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians
American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners
American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians
American Association of Zoo Veterinarians
American Beekeeping Association
American Dairy Goat Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Kennel Club
American Meat Goat Association
American Pet Product Manufacturers Association, Inc.
American Rabbit Breeders Association
American Sheep Industry Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
American Tilapia Association
American Zoo and Aquarium Association
Animal Drug Alliance
Animal Health Institute
Aquarium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Arkansas Bait and Ornamental Fish Growers Association
Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians
Association of Avian Veterinarians
Cat Fancier's Association
Catfish Farmers of America
Florida Tropical Fish Farms Association, Inc.
GDL International
HBH Enterprises
International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine
International Llama Registry
National Aquaculture Association
-Alaska Shellfish Growers Association
-California Aquaculture Association
-Catfish Farmers of Arkansas
-Colorado Aquaculture Association
-Florida Aquaculture Association
-Georgia Aquaculture Association
-Hawaii Aquaculture Association
-Idaho Aquaculture Association
-Indiana Aquaculture Association
-Keo Fish Farms

-Massachusetts Aquaculture Association
-Maine Aquaculture Association
-Minnesota Aquaculture Association
-Missouri Aquaculture Association
-National Ornamental Goldfish Growers Association
-New Jersey Aquaculture Association
-Ocean State Aquaculture Association
-Ohio Aquaculture Association
-Oklahoma Aquaculture Association
-Pennsylvania Aquaculture Association
-Silver Cup Feeds
-Striped Bass Growers Association
-South Carolina Aquaculture Association
-Texas Aquaculture Association
-US Aquaculture Suppliers Association
-US Trout Farmers Association
-Utah Aquaculture Association
-Wisconsin Aquaculture Association
-West Virginia Aquaculture Association

National Fisheries Institute
National Turkey Federation
New England Animal Health Institute
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North American Gamebird Association, Inc.
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Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association
Pennsylvania Game Bird Association
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