



"Serving Michigan's Cattlemen Since 1960"

June 24, 2009

The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chair of the House Agriculture Committee
999 House Office Building
Lansing, MI

Dear Representative Simpson:

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association is in support of HB 5127 and 5128 which would amend the animal industry act with regards to the care and welfare of farm animals.

Livestock farmers and our allies are united in setting a "gold standard" for farm animal care that is science-based. This proactive step is being taken to reassure consumers that their food is produced responsibly and that animals are well cared for.

This bipartisan legislation, with its modified system, will help farmers continue to provide excellent care for their animals, while protecting our food supply and keeping affordable food available for our consumers.

It's important to us in the farming community that consumers feel good about where their food comes from and that they are confident in the safety and quality of the food we produce in Michigan.

This legislation will be an important step in sustaining Michigan's livestock farms and their families for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Garry Wiley".

Garry Wiley
President