

May 7, 2013

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Energy & Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Joe Pitts
Chairman
Health Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member
Energy & Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Health Subcommittee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives:

The American Farm Bureau Federation commends your scheduling subcommittee consideration of legislation to reauthorize the Animal Drug User Fee Act (ADUFA) and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act (AGDUFA). We also appreciate the leadership of Reps. Shimkus and Gardner in introducing H.R. 1407 and H.R. 1408 last month, and we strongly support the amendment in the nature of a substitute that combines the important core components of both bills.

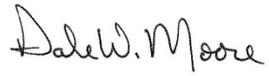
The top priority for the men and women who work with farm animals daily is to raise healthy, productive animals that contribute to a safe and wholesome supply of meat, poultry, milk and eggs for our nation. In addition, livestock producers know that healthy, well cared for animals are important to the economic viability of their farms and ranches, and they have adopted systems, techniques and the medicines developed by animal care professionals to prevent animal disease and manage herd health.

Regulation of animal drugs and their usage by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is a stringent, science-based process that protects public health by ensuring safe and effective animal health products are available to livestock producers and their veterinarians. Critical to an efficient animal drug approval process are the provisions of ADUFA and AGDUFA, which have enabled FDA to dramatically reduce its review time of new animal drugs resulting in these products getting to animal care providers more quickly.

On behalf of Farm Bureau's more than 6 million member families, thank you for recognizing the importance of making sure our nation's livestock producers have the tools they need to care for

their animals. And, thank you for your leadership in moving this important legislation forward. We support its prompt passage.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale W. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "M".

Dale W. Moore
Executive Director, Public Policy

Cc: Rep. Shimkus, Rep. Gardner