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The Honorable John Boozman
Chairman
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
& Forestry
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Agriculture Nutrition,
& Forestry
U.S. Senate
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Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar,

We write as members of the Defeat EATS Coalition to express our strong opposition to the controversial Save Our Bacon Act (SOBA), a rebranded version of the EATS Act and Food Security and Farm Protection Act. While our organizations' missions vary greatly, we are united in our opposition to SOBA. We are grateful that you have excluded this harmful provision from the Senate Farm Bill base text and **urge you to oppose any attempts to add it via amendment or conference process.**

Members of the Defeat EATS Coalition oppose SOBA for a variety of reasons—it is significant federal overreach that [threatens hundreds of public-health and disease-prevention laws](#), threatens the livelihoods of independent family farmers, and condemns animals to cruel, unnecessary suffering.

First, SOBA is an attack on states' rights that will significantly limit their ability to regulate food sold within their borders and potentially invalidate hundreds of state laws nationwide. It will also hamper states' ability to respond to emerging agricultural threats, including the growing New World screwworm threat. Analysis of the SOBA language included in the House Farm Bill shows that hundreds of state-level disease-prevention and mitigation laws could be nullified, and that passing new laws to respond to emerging threats could be prohibited.

Second, SOBA will harm farmers. Farmers across the country have already made significant financial investments to comply with voter-approved laws like California's Proposition 12 and Massachusetts' Question 3. Passing SOBA will undermine these farmers and the valuable markets they sell into, creating a race-to-the-bottom that will only benefit large multinational corporations. Chinese-owned Smithfield Foods, which has been lobbying in support of SOBA, will be rewarded, while America's small and mid-sized farmers will be left to struggle. Independent farmers already operate on extremely tight margins. Congress should not make their lives more difficult by giving another advantage to foreign-owned industrial agriculture. This

federal overreach will also lead to years of legal challenges, causing farmers and consumers alike prolonged uncertainty.

SOBA will also override the will of voters across the nation: 80% of Americans support the state animal welfare laws that SOBA seeks to invalidate. It is highly controversial and continually faces strong opposition. More than [2,000 groups](#), federal and state legislators, farmers, veterinary professionals, faith leaders, and legal experts strongly oppose this legislation. Additionally, last year, more than 20 retailers and meat processors [signed a letter](#) opposing SOBA, expressing concerns about fair markets, animal welfare, and consumer demand. In fact, mounting opposition recently prompted Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) to withdraw his cosponsorship of the Food Security and Farm Protection Act, a Senate companion bill to SOBA. Thus, passing an amendment to add this poison pill to the Senate Farm Bill will make achieving 60 votes even more challenging.

We once again thank you for removing this poison pill from the Farm Bill base text. As this process continues, we strongly urge you to oppose any future efforts to add the Save Our Bacon Act to the Farm Bill.

Sincerely,

The Defeat EATS Coalition

Members of the Defeat EATS Coalition include:

A Greener World	Center For Food Safety
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet	Center for Science in the Public Interest
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas	Chicago Food Policy Action Council
American Grassfed Association	Chilis on Wheels
American Indian Mothers, Inc.	Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin
Americans for Family Farmers	Climate Communications Coalition
Animal Legal Defense Fund	Climate Systems Solutions
Animal Protection League of New Jersey	Compassion in World Farming
Animal Welfare Institute	Competitive Markets Action
ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®)	Crate Free USA
Attorneys for Animals, Inc.	Duck Defenders
Beyond Pesticides	Door to Freedom
Callicrate Cattle Co.	Earthjustice
Center for Biological Diversity	Endangered Habitats League

Environmental Working Group
Fair Start Movement
Family Farm Defenders
Farm Action
Farm Action Fund
Farm Aid
Farm Forward
Farm Sanctuary
Food & Water Watch
Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT)
Food System Innovations
Four Paws USA
Fresh Approach
Friends of the Earth
Gimme Shelter Animal Rescue
Government Accountability Project/Food
Integrity Campaign
Great Plains Action Society
HEAL Food Alliance
Health Care Without Harm
Humane Action Pittsburgh
Humane Farming Association
Humane Long Island
Hungry Bear Farm
Illinois Stewardship Alliance
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Institute for Local Self-Reliance
Iowa Alliance for Responsible Agriculture
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
James Beard Foundation
Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc.
The Center for Jewish Food Ethics
Kirkpatrick Policy Group
Legal Impact for Chickens
Local Progress
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners
Association (MOFGA)
Mercy For Animals
Michael Fields Agricultural Institute
Miller Union

Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation
National Organic Coalition
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
NC Environmental Justice Network
New Roots Institute
North American Climate, Conservation and
Environment (NACCE)
Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance
Northeast Organic Farming Association of
New York
(NOFA-NY)
Northeast Organic Farming Association of
Vermont (NOFA-VT)
Northeast Organic Farming Association –
Interstate Council
NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council)
NWI Food Council
NY4Whales
NYCLASS
Oklahoma Black Historical Research
Project, Inc.
Organic Consumers Association
Organization for Competitive Markets
Our Honor
Pasado's Safe Haven
Piscataqua Seed Project
Poweshiek CARES
Progress Michigan
Rural Coalition
Rural Democracy Initiative
Rural Vermont
Save Our Food and Farms
SEED
Sierra Club
SiX Action
Slow Food USA
Slow Food Vegas
Social Compassion in Legislation
Socially Responsible Agriculture Project
South Seattle Climate Action Network

Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation
Texas Humane Legislation Network
(THLN)
The Center for Good Food Purchasing
The Humane League
Tualatin Riverkeepers
Union of Concerned Scientists
Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry

Veterinarians International
Waterkeeper Alliance
West Virginia Food & Farm Coalition
Western Colorado Alliance
Women, Food and Agriculture Network
(WFAN)
World Animal Protection