

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 2, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

As Members of Congress representing the ranchers in our states who feed America, we write today to relay concerns from our constituents regarding your proposal to import 300,000 tons of tariff-free beef. While we share the goal of lowering beef prices for Americans, we believe that this policy would pose significant harm to our domestic beef industry.

American consumers are struggling with the rising cost of groceries and deserve long term solutions to bring prices under control. Grocery prices as a whole have risen 2.7% in the past year, with strong demand for beef and low inventory leading to price increases for beef products. Flooding the market with beef imports will not solve the long-term issues that led us to this point — it will only harm our nation's ranchers and jeopardize our long-term goal of building a strong domestic beef industry.

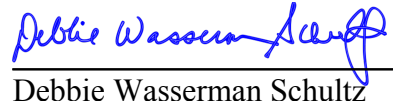
American ranchers have faced strong headwinds in recent years. Soaring input costs, droughts, and extreme weather events have left our ranchers with the lowest cattle supply in 75 years. Additionally, the ongoing outbreak of New World Screwworm has imposed additional burdens on ranchers as they work to protect their herds. Since June of this year, 46 cases of New World Screwworm have been detected, posing additional economic risks for our ranchers.

Our ranchers are actively working to rebuild America's domestic beef industry, using strong demand from American consumers to reinvest in their herds. Our policies must reflect our commitment to the ranchers and producers that feed our country. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,



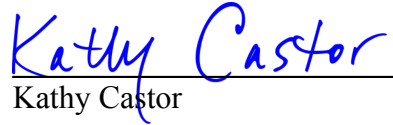
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