



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Steven King
U.S. House of Representatives
2210 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative King:

I write on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the more than 3,000 elected Sheriffs nationwide to express our opposition to your amendment to the *Federal Agricultural Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013* (H.R. 2642).

Your amendment would prohibit States from establishing animal welfare standards for agricultural products sold in-State but produced elsewhere. Accordingly, the amendment could nullify animal protection laws already adopted by many States – like farm animal confinement, horse slaughter, puppy mills, etc. – that will not only place animals at potentially greater risk of mistreatment but also make the investigation of such cases more difficult for law enforcement.

The National Sheriffs' Association opposes this amendment, and we ask you to reconsider your position. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact NSA as we would welcome the opportunity to work with you on this issue.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron D. Kennard".

Sheriff (ret.) Aaron D. Kennard
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