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Concerning: The Petfood Uniform Regulatory Reform Act, also known as the PURR Act of 2025 (H.R. 597) introduced to the U.S House of Representatives on January 21, 2025.

Whereas the PURR Act will give the U.S. Food and Drug Administration sole authority, federalizing pet food regulation and weakening the regulatory checks and balances that help ensure consumer protections and pet food safety

Whereas the PURR Act would promote vague ingredient lists, allowing companies to label ingredients as "sometimes present" so that pet food might not always contain the same ingredients, and confuse owners, especially those managing pets with allergies or dietary needs

Whereas the PURR Act will create an absence of transparency due to the lack of standards in labeling, and unsubstantiated marketing claims thereby taking advantage of consumers

Whereas the PURR Act is an obstruction to the principles and practices of an Integrated Food Safety System of which provides the resources, experience, subject matter expertise and efforts among state and federal partners to create an integrated global food safety network and demonstrates a commitment to meeting consumer's expectations of safe and wholesome pet foods for purchase and consumption. Whereas the PURR Act will increase burden on the FDA with additional responsibilities and without domestic partner assistance after an historical reduction in workforce.

Resolved, that the Association of American Feed Control Officials shall not support the proposed bill as introduced

Resolved, AAFCO and its members will work with partners, industry, and consumers to urge Congress to reject the PURR Act as introduced, and any of its future iterations that don't support transparency and the ability of state programs to protect consumer interest and pet health.