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Concerning: The U.S. House of Representatives Fiscal Year 2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 4121), the PURR Act of 2025 (H.R. 597), and any other iteration of those bills or new legislation that seeks to preempt state authority over animal food.

Whereas AAFCO believes the intent of Sec. 772(b)(2) of H.R. 4121 and Sec. 425(b) of H.R. 597 is to preempt state authority over all animal food, granting the U.S. Food and Drug Administration sole authority to regulate animal food in the U.S. without oversight or intervention from state animal food programs or regulators; and

Whereas AAFCO believes Sec. 772 of H.R. 4121 and Sec. 425(g) of H.R. 597 will create a lack of transparency in labeling due to the inability of state regulatory programs to request substantiation of labeling and advertising claims, allowing claims on packaging that have not been verified as truthful and not misleading; and

Whereas AAFCO believes Sec. 772 of H.R. 4121 and H.R. 597 are obstructions to the principles and practices of an Integrated Food Safety System, which combines the resources, experience, subject matter expertise and efforts from state and federal partners to create an integrated global food safety network that demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that consumers and their animals have access to safe and wholesome animal foods for purchase; and

Whereas Sec. 772 of H.R. 4121 and H.R. 597 will increase the burden on the FDA by authorizing additional authority without additional appropriations or a mechanism that would allow the agency to work in cooperation with domestic partners after a historical reduction in workforce, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Association of American Feed Control Officials shall not support the language proposed in Sec. 772 of H.R. 4121 as passed by the House Committee on Appropriations or as introduced in H.R. 597, and

Be it further Resolved, AAFCO and its members will work with partners, industry, and other trade associations to urge Congress to reject the addition of the language in Sec. 772 of H.R. 4121 as passed by committee, H.R. 597, and any future iterations or bills that preempt state authorities on animal food and that don't support the ability of state programs to regulate animal food at a level equal to that of federal agencies, and

Be it further Resolved, AAFCO will always strive to collaboratively work with relevant parties in transparency to develop model rules, regulations, and guidance that is fair, consistent, and that promotes harmonization and innovation while maintaining safety and consumer protection.