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## **Take action today on the Origin of Livestock to stop abuse in the organic dairy sector!**

On June 25 the House of Representatives [passed a Fiscal Year 2020 agriculture spending bill](#) that included a provision to level the playing field for organic dairy producers - it would require USDA to issue a final regulation on 'Origin of Livestock' – the rules for how conventional dairy cows are transitioned into organic herds – within 180 days.

**Now we need the Senate to take action to protect organic dairy producers.**

### **TIME IS OF ESSENCE!**

## **Call your Senator today to urge support for organic dairy producers:**

**Ask to speak with the staffer who works on agriculture or leave a message with whoever answers the phone. Use these talking points:**

- I'm calling as a constituent and an organic farmer. I want to thank Senator \_\_\_\_\_ for his/her leadership to advance organic agriculture and organic dairy farming.
- I am calling to urge Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to fight for the inclusion of a provision in the Fiscal Year 2020 Senate appropriations bill to require USDA to issue a final regulation on Origin of Livestock as soon as possible.
- This regulation is urgently needed to restore fairness in the organic dairy sector.
- Some organic dairy farms have used loopholes to continuously bring conventional dairy livestock into organic herds. This has distorted the market and created an economic disadvantage for organic farmers who play by the rules because it costs them more to raise calves organically.
- This abuse must stop – organic dairy farms are struggling to survive. Without new regulations to level the playing field, we will see continued consolidation within organic dairy and the demise of many family-scale organic dairy operations.

After making this call, please send [WODPA](#) a quick email to let us know about your outreach: [wodpa@outlook.com](mailto:wodpa@outlook.com).



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| <b>SENATORS IN WODPA STATES</b>                                     |                       |                         |                       |
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| <b>*Senators listed in red are on the Appropriations Committee*</b> |                       |                         |                       |
| <b>STATE:</b>   | <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>  | <b>STATE:</b>           | <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>  |
| <b>ARIZONA:</b>   |                       | <b>CALIFORNIA:</b>      |                       |
| Martha McSally  | (202) 224-2235        | <b>Dianne Feinstein</b> | <b>(202) 224-3841</b> |
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| Michael Bennet  | (202) 224-5852        | Mike Crapo              | (202) 224-6142        |
| Cory Gardner  | (202) 224-5941        | Jim Risch               | (202) 224-2752        |
| <b>MONTANA:</b>   |                       | <b>NEVADA:</b>          |                       |
| <b>Steve Daines</b>   | <b>(202) 224-2651</b> | Catherine Cortez Masto  | (202) 224-3542        |
| <b>Jon Tester</b>   | <b>(202) 224-2644</b> | Jacky Rosen             | (202) 224-6244        |
| <b>NEW MEXICO:</b>  |                       | <b>OREGON:</b>          |                       |
| Martin Heinrich   | (202) 224-5521        | <b>Jeff Merkley</b>     | <b>(202) 224-3753</b> |
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| <b>TEXAS:</b>   |                       | <b>UTAH:</b>            |                       |
| John Corryn   | (202) 224-2934        | Mike Lee                | (202) 224-5444        |
| Ted Cruz  | (202) 224-5922        | Mitt Romney             | (202) 224-5251        |
| <b>WASHINGTON:</b>  |                       | <b>WYOMING:</b>         |                       |
| Maria Cantwell  | (202) 224-3441        | John Barrasso           | (202) 224-6441        |
| <b>Patty Murray</b>   | <b>(202) 224-2621</b> | Mike Enzi               | (202) 224-3424        |