



Protect Public Health and the Family Farmer: Oppose the Preemption of California's Proposition 12

Over a year has passed since California's Proposition 12 went into full effect and the sky has not fallen. The dire predictions of food shortages, price spikes, and supply chain chaos never materialized. In fact, even pork industry leaders, like the president of the Iowa Pork Producers Association, have acknowledged that the market has adjusted. Farmers have adapted and shelves have remained stocked. And consumers got what they voted for: food produced the way they want it produced.

Nonetheless, Congress is again facing pressure to override state and local authority through the Food Security and Farm Protection Act (S.1326) and the Save Our Bacon Act (H.R.4673)—new names for the previously rejected Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act. These bills would strip states and local governments of their authority to regulate agricultural production within their own borders.

We call on Congress to support states' rights and reject all federal legislative efforts to preempt Proposition 12 and support America's farmers who made the investments to supply pork to California.

Farmers and Consumers Alike Have Benefited from Proposition 12

Farmers who have complied with Proposition 12 standards are successfully serving new premium markets that allow them to sustain their operations. These farmers are now stepping forward to thank members of Congress for protecting their livelihoods and opposing federal interference in local decision-making. They are grateful to those bipartisan champions in Congress who have rejected these harmful proposals and defended the rights of states and farmers alike.



A Threat to Public Health and State Autonomy

This language poses a serious threat to public health by undermining the ability of states and local governments to respond to emerging challenges.

If enacted, it would:

- **Bar safeguards that provide farmers with critical market opportunities** that keep them farming. Eliminating these opportunities will accelerate market concentration in the food and agriculture industries, giving multinational corporations more control over American farmers and ranchers.
- **Strip state and local provisions that protect public health and the environment**, including measures to address pesticide drift, invasive species, and baby food safety.
- **Destroy state-level animal protection laws** enacted by policymakers across the political spectrum. This includes negating existing state laws that ban or restrict the use of extreme animal confinement practices, such as gestation crates, veal crates, and cages for egg-laying hens.
- **Override popular, bipartisan state public health laws**, inspired by the MAHA movement, that reflect growing concerns over the link between ultra-processed foods and chronic disease.



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