



Agriculture... Keeping Wyoming Strong

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Nathan Winters, Representative
Wyoming House District 28
106 Mountain View Drive
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Dear Representative ~~Winters~~:

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation represents over 2,700 agricultural producers throughout the state of Wyoming. These producers account for a significant portion of the food production in Wyoming. Regulations which impact their operations contribute to the costs associated with bringing this food to America's citizens.

We feel that such an occupation is a noble undertaking. Government rules which cost these producers time and money serve to detract from that undertaking. The regulatory creep that is affecting producers is significant, whether it is from the most recent proposed rules from EPA or unnecessary rules on livestock operators on federal lands, they all contribute to higher costs. The worst part of these rules is that in most instances they accomplish little public benefit. Wyoming's experience with the Fish & Wildlife Service and endangered species is just one example.

During the Wyoming Farm Bureau's recent annual meeting the delegate body adopted a resolution of support for the concept's outlined in the Regulation Freedom Amendment in House Joint Resolution 1.

In addition to the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation adoption of the resolution we subsequently submitted it to the American Farm Bureau Federation which considered and adopted it at their recent annual meeting in San Diego.

The American Farm Bureau Federation represents some 5 million plus folks engaged in agriculture or supporting agriculture. We feel this reiterates Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation's concern over the regulatory burden occurring in our nation.

We strongly support and endorse efforts to reduce this burden via a "regulatory freedom" amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely,

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Ken Hamilton
Executive Vice President

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