



## 2012 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit

### Resolution on Reasonable Regulation of Equine Processing

- Whereas,** the State Ag and Rural Leaders, (SARL) is comprised of agriculture and rural leaders of state and provincial legislative bodies from the US and Canada; and
- Whereas,** The agriculture budget appropriations riders that prevented the U.S. Department of Agriculture inspection of horse processing plants have now been removed from the federal budget; and
- Whereas,** companies seeking to create jobs and restore the economic viability of the entire horse industry are organizing enterprises nationwide; and
- Whereas,** the federal government has failed to respond to European Union and other foreign governmental bodies in a manner that would allow commerce in equine products to recommence without delay; and
- Whereas,** there may be other areas as yet undiscovered that would impede the use of equine products for export, or for domestic use; and
- Whereas,** animal activist groups continue to use propaganda and misleading campaigns to prevent the ethical and responsible use of horses, and seek to compromised the private property rights of horse owners; now therefore be it
- Resolved,** that State Agriculture and Rural Leaders urges all governmental agencies to use sound science and responsible regulation in addressing this newly emerging industry in order to work in partnership with private companies to implement a world class system that ensures quality, safety, and proper handling of livestock; and be it further
- Resolved,** that this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Chair and Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate and House Agriculture Committees, and to others as deemed necessary and advisable.

*Approved by members of State Agriculture and Rural Leaders  
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