

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 4, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Elizabeth Prelogar  
Solicitor General  
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear President Biden, Solicitor General Prelogar, and Secretary Vilsack:

As you know, on March 28th, the Supreme Court decided to hear *National Pork Producers Council v. Ross*, the pork industry's challenge to California's Proposition 12. This law is intended to prevent animal cruelty, protect the health and safety of California consumers, and decrease the risk of foodborne illness by phasing out extreme methods of farm animal confinement. California's Proposition 12 regulates only in-state sales of certain pork products at issue in this case (as well as in-state sales of certain egg and veal products) and does not directly control any activity outside the state.

Proposition 12 shares many substantive similarities with cage-free sales laws and regulations in Oregon, Washington, Michigan, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, and Massachusetts, which were supported by broad, diverse coalitions of stakeholders. A harmful ruling on this case would undermine all of these state laws and others like them, as well as the significant investments companies have made towards protecting consumer preferences and the health, safety, and welfare of animals and the environment.

Efforts to overturn this popular law are fundamentally inconsistent with long-standing judicial precedent. The Commerce Clause should not be weaponized to shield particular industries from in-state sales regulation, like California's Proposition 12. Nor should states have to create one set of rules for in-state products and a different set of rules for ones from out of state.

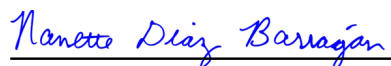
We request that you support California's regulatory autonomy vis-a-vis Proposition 12 in this case before the Supreme Court to ensure that States are not stripped of their authority to protect the well-being of their citizens. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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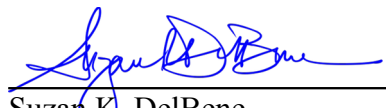
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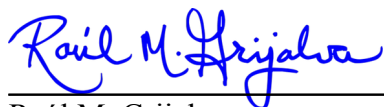
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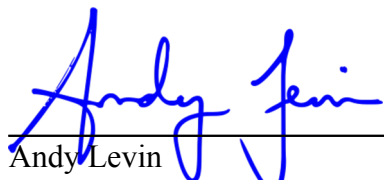
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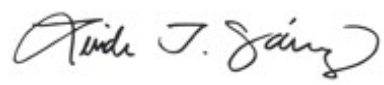
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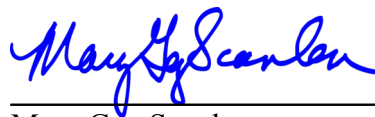
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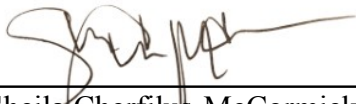
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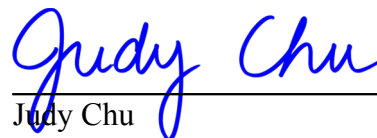
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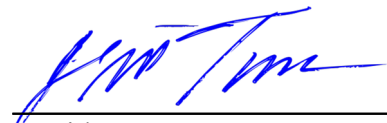
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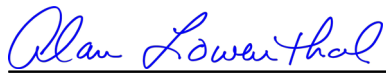
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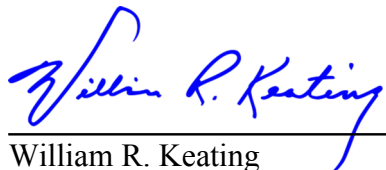
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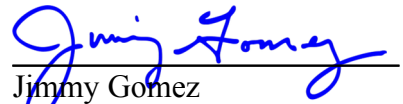
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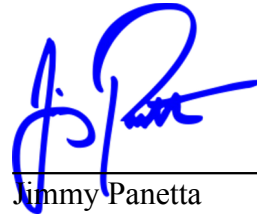
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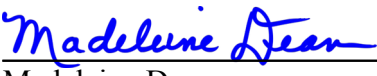
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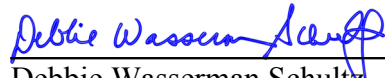
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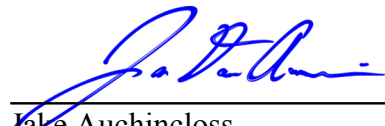
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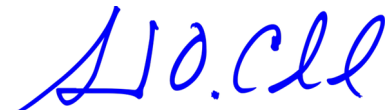
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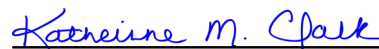
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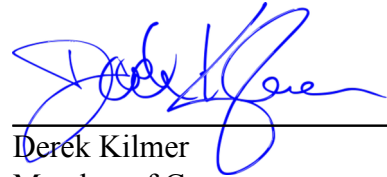
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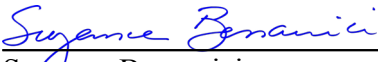
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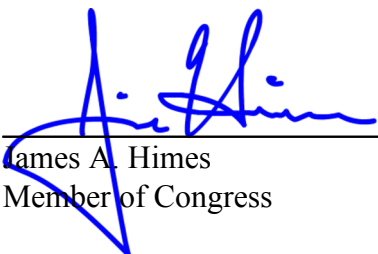
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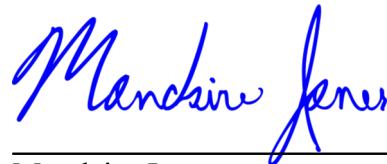
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