



One Industry, One Voice

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NAA ACTION ALERT

Minor Use Minor Species Animal Health Act

There is immediate need for each NAA member to contact their congressmen, via e-mail, fax and phone asking for their co-sponsorship of the MUMS legislation. The Senate MUMS Bill is S 741. **Mr. Pickering (R-MS) and Mr. John (D-LA) plan to introduce the MUMS legislation in the House of Representatives on Thursday April 10, 2003.** We need you to immediately ask members of the House of Representatives to be original co-sponsors. Our initial focus should be on members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce are:

W.J. "Billy" Tauzin (LA)

- Chair

Michael Bilirakis (FL)

Joe Barton (TX)

Fred Upton (MI)

Cliff Stearns (FL)

Paul E. Gillmor (OH)

James Greenwood (PA)

- Already a cosponsor, need to thank him for his support!

Christopher Cox (CA)

Nathan Deal (GA)

Richard Burr (NC)

- Vice Chair

Ed Whitfield (KY)

Charlie Norwood (GA)

Barbara Cubin (WY)

John Shimkus (IL)

Heather Wilson (NM)

John Shadegg (AZ)

Chip Pickering (MS)

- Sponsor of the bill!, need to thank him!

Vito Fossella (NY)

Boyd Blunt (MO)

Steve Buyer (IN)

George Radanovich (CA)

Charles Bass (NH)

Joseph Pitts (PA)

Mary Bono (CA)

Greg Walden (OR)

Lee Terry (NE)

Ernie Fletcher (KY)

Mike Ferguson (NJ)

Mike Rogers (MI)

Darrell Issa (CA)

C.L. "Butch" Otter (ID)

- Already a cosponsor, need to thank him for his support!

John Dingell (MI)

- Ranking member

Henry Waxman (CA)

Edward Markey (MA)

Ralph Hall (TX)

Rick Boucher (VA)

Edolphus Towns (NY)

Frank Pallone Jr (NJ)

Sherrod Brown (OH)

Bart Gordon (TN)

Peter Deutch (FL)

Bobby Rush (IL)

Anna Eshoo (CA)

Bart Stupak (MI)

Eliot Engel (NY)

Albert R. Wynn (MD)

Gene Green (TX)

Karen McCarthy (MO)

Ted Strickland (OH)

Diana DeGette (CO)
Lois Capps (CA)
Michael Doyle (PA)
Chris John (LA)

Tom Allen (ME)
Jim Davis (FL)
Jan Schakowsky (IL)
Hilda Solis (CA)

- Already a cosponsor, need to thank him for his support!

There are currently eleven original cosponsors in the Senate. **MORE SENATE COSPONSORS ARE NEEDED!** The cosponsors in the Senate to date are:

Sessions (AL)
Allard (CO)
Collins (ME)
Crapo (ID)
Gregg (NH)
Lincoln (AR)

Bingaman (NM)
Craig (ID)
Ensign (NV)
Harkin (IA)
Miller (GA)

Follow-up contact with Senators or Congressmen is essential either to thank them for their co-sponsorship or to get a response. A daily phone call, until a response is received, is the best way to get a commitment.

When contacting Congressmen you should identify the bill (The Minor Use Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2003), a few key bullet points about what the bill does and most importantly, why the bill is important to you and your state.

The MUMS legislation itself can be found at (<http://thomas.loc.gov/>). In the box for bill number, type in S741.

Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee are listed at (<http://energycommerce.house.gov/108/members/members.htm>). You can contact each committee member or those you want to reach via their individual websites accessed at the above committee address. They will also list addresses.

Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee are listed at (http://www.senate.gov/%7Elabor/committee_members.html). You can contact each committee member or those you want to reach via their individual websites accessed at the above committee address. They will also list addresses.

There is a continual need to provide financing for our MUMS lobbying effort. Checks should be mailed to National Aquaculture Association, 111 W. Washington Street, Suite 1, Charles Town, WV 25414.

Now that we have garnered the support of Senator Gregg (R-NH), Chairman of the HELP Committee, and Mr. Tauzin (R-LA), Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, we have the best chance we have ever had for securing passage of the MUMS legislation. **We must now get our grassroots efforts energized and secure additional cosponsors.**