

Statement of Support for the C.A.L.F. Act of 2025

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As someone who grew up on a cattle farm, I am familiar with the realities of ranch life: long hours, unpredictable markets, and a profound sense of responsibility for both the herd and the land. That upbringing taught me that agriculture is not just an occupation; it's a way of life, rooted in tradition, family, and faith. Today, as a lobbyist advocating for the Cattle and Livestock Feed (C.A.L.F.) Act of 2025, I bring that same passion to protecting Oklahoma's agricultural future.

The C.A.L.F. Act represents the kind of forward-thinking, balanced policy that Oklahoma needs. It rewards, not punishes, our farmers and ranchers for taking voluntary, environmentally responsible steps. By providing a 15% tax cut to livestock owners who invest more than \$5,000 annually in seaweed- or Bovaer-based feed, this bill empowers producers to adopt innovative solutions that lower methane emissions without sacrificing profitability.

Methane is one of the most potent greenhouse gases produced by livestock; however, through scientific advancements, we now have the tools to significantly reduce it. Feed supplements, such as Bovaer and red seaweed, have been proven to decrease methane emissions by up to 30–90% in cattle. These options enable farmers to maintain their productivity while doing their part to responsibly steward the land.

The delegate sponsoring this bill has a history of introducing thoughtful and effective legislation to the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature. The C.A.L.F. Act continues that legacy, uniting environmental responsibility with agricultural prosperity. It is precisely the kind of

innovation that will keep Oklahoma agriculture competitive, respected, and sustainable for decades to come. Importantly, the bill also promotes transparency and accountability. Farmers who participate must provide proof of purchase and allow research on methane emissions from their herds. This creates a valuable partnership between producers, scientists, and policymakers, building a foundation of data-driven progress.

Oklahoma's farmers have always been problem-solvers. Given the right incentives, they will lead the nation in responsible agricultural practices. The C.A.L.F. Act does exactly that: it supports our producers, strengthens rural economies, and ensures that Oklahoma continues to thrive as an agricultural leader. For the sake of our land, our livestock, and the generations who will inherit both, I urge legislators to hear and pass this important bill. The C.A.L.F. Act isn't just good policy, it's good stewardship.

Thank you, Alexis Horton