

Aug. 29, 2014

Dear Representative:

We ask that you support Missouri agriculture and small business by voting to override the vetoes of S.B. 506 and H.B. 1326 – commonly referred to as the omnibus agriculture bills. These two bills passed the legislature with tremendous bipartisan support. Outside of the legislature, these bills are supported by every major farm-driven organization in the state and many other trade associations. We stand together in full support of overriding the vetoes of these two bills that will advance Missouri agriculture on several fronts.

These bills are very similar and include several issues of importance. Both bills include the following:

- Enacts the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act (MDRA), which is an innovative program that dovetails in with the new Dairy Title of the Farm Bill;
- Increases the hauling limits for livestock on Missouri highways;
- Extends the equine liability waiver to all livestock;
- Modifies provisions relating to evidence of financial responsibility for certified commercial pesticide applicators;
- Clarifies the process for insuring title transfers of farm and ranch property;
- Enables Missouri cattle producers the opportunity to vote whether or not to increase their investment in the Missouri beef checkoff; and
- Continues the large animal veterinarian student loan program.

We stand together in requesting your support of overriding the vetoes of H.B. 1326 and S.B. 506. The time is now. We cannot risk waiting until the next legislative session.

We are more than willing to discuss any questions or concerns you may have with these bills.

Please stand with Missouri agriculture.

Respectfully,

FCS Financial
Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association
Missouri Agribusiness Association
Missouri Bankers Association
Missouri Cattlemen's Association
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Missouri Corn Growers Association
Missouri Dairy Association
Missouri Dairy Products Association
Missouri Deer Association
Missouri Egg Council

Missouri Elk Farmers Association
Missouri Farm Bureau
Missouri Federation of Animal Owners
Missouri Land Title Association
Missouri Livestock Marketing Association
Missouri Pork Producers Association
Missouri Soybean Association
Missouri Veterinary Medical Association
MFA Incorporated
The Poultry Federation