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U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

As a West Virginia Legislator I wish to comment on proposed rules to ban the use of poultry litter as a feed supplement for cattle.

Poultry litter is an accepted and excellent feed supplement. An outright ban of its use as a supplement will create economic hardship and contribute to the litter disposal problem. Commercial feed supplements are expansive and the estimated value of litter as a feed supplement is approximately \$130 per ton.

We are all concerned about animal diseases, which might affect our cattle herds, and would suggest instead of a total ban on litter as a feed supplement that the dangerous materials be banned from poultry feed. If the feed contains no prohibited materials, the litter could be safely fed or used as fertilizer if handled properly.

We urge you to please examine all of the body of scientific evidence before issuing a ruling in this proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this on this proposed rule.

Sincerely,

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28<sup>th</sup> Delegate District

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