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U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

As a West Virginia poultry and cattle farmer 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 expensive and the estimated value 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 a fertilizer if handled properly.

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

Sincerely,



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Delegate - 48<sup>th</sup> District

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