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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. VASQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Banning External
5 Entry of Foreign Beef Act” or the “BEEF Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF BEEF QUOTA EXPANSION AND LIM-**
2 **ITATION ON ACTIONS INCREASING OR EX-**
3 **PANDING BEEF IMPORTS.**

4 (a) SUSPENSION OF EXPANDED QUOTA.—The Presi-
5 dential Proclamation entitled “Further Ensuring Afford-
6 able Beef for the American Consumer” (91 Fed. Reg.
7 55989) and published on August 26, 2026, and any suc-
8 cessor or substantially similar proclamation, shall have no
9 force or effect on and after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act.

11 (b) CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL REQUIRED.—Not-
12 withstanding any other provision of law, any executive
13 order, regulation, or other presidential action having the
14 effect of increasing or expanding the quantity of beef im-
15 ported into the United States may not enter into effect
16 unless such action—

17 (1) is submitted to the Congress for approval;
18 and

19 (2) is approved through specific statutory au-
20 thorization by the Congress that is enacted during
21 the 30-day period beginning on the date of such sub-
22 mission for approval.

23 **SEC. 3. BEEF IMPORT AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY ADVISORY**
24 **BOARD.**

25 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
26 the Department of Agriculture a Beef Import and Domes-

1 tie Supply Advisory Board, which shall be responsible for
2 developing a strategy to—

- 3 (1) rebuild the American cattle herd;
- 4 (2) increase domestic beef production;
- 5 (3) get rid of red tape for American ranchers;
- 6 and
- 7 (4) keep beef affordable for consumers.

8 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Board established under
9 subsection (a) shall consist of the Secretary of Agriculture,
10 who shall serve as the Chair, and 8 members, to be ap-
11 pointed by the Secretary of Agriculture as follows:

- 12 (1) One representative of a national rancher or-
13 ganization.
- 14 (2) One independent rancher.
- 15 (3) One expert from a national organization
16 that specializes in food affordability and grocery
17 prices.
- 18 (4) One representative of a livestock stockyard,
19 with priority given to a representative of such a
20 stockyard located along the international border be-
21 tween the United States and Mexico.
- 22 (5) One researcher, professor, or instructor spe-
23 cializing in livestock at a land-grant college or uni-
24 versity (as defined in section 1404 of the National

1 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Pol-
2 icy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)).

3 (6) One cattle feeder.

4 (7) One representative of a domestic beef proc-
5 essor.

6 (8) One agricultural economist or livestock mar-
7 ket expert.

8 (c) ADDITIONAL POLICY ADVICE ROLE.—The Board
9 shall also be responsible for advising the Secretary of Agri-
10 culture with respect to policies to encourage retention of
11 breeding cattle, expand domestic processing capacity, im-
12 prove competition in livestock markets, and increase the
13 domestic supply of beef.

14 (d) TERMINATION.—The Board established under
15 this section shall terminate on the date that is 4 years
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act.