



## State Agriculture and Rural Leaders

### # 2013-3 Agricultural Protection Resolution

Passed June 9, 2013

- Whereas,** the State Ag and Rural Leaders, (SARL) is comprised of agriculture and rural leaders of state and provincial legislative bodies from the US and Canada; and
- Whereas,** US and Canadian governments have designated the agriculture, food and pharmaceutical industries as national critical infrastructure sectors essential to our nation's security; and
- Whereas,** animal agriculture accounts for over \$120 billion a year to the U.S. and Canadian economies, over one half of all agricultural products; and
- Whereas,** it is critical that we promote and maintain a healthy and robust animal agriculture industry
- Whereas,** we recognize our U.S. and Canadian Farmers and Ranchers are the acknowledged experts in the development and application of superior animal agriculture practices; and
- Whereas,** U.S. and Canadian Farmers and Ranchers have a vested interest in preventing animal cruelty, and are in the best position to identify and prevent animal cruelty on their farms; and
- Whereas,** that Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture discourage any attempt to interfere with the established animal husbandry practices of our U.S. and Canadian farmers and ranchers; and
- Resolved,** that the SARL supports our Farmers and Ranchers in their continued efforts to provide safe and healthy food, fuel, fiber and pharmaceuticals to our growing population; and be it further
- Resolved,** that this resolution be submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the agriculture committee of the United States Congress.