

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1007

By: Roberts (Dustin)

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution urging the repeal of the Veterinary Feed
10 Directive; and directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, the federal Food and Drug Administration's final
14 rule entitled the "Veterinary Feed Directive" was enacted on
15 October 1, 2015; and

16 WHEREAS, under these regulations, a livestock farmer,
17 rancher, or animal producer could only use certain
18 antibiotics with the authorization of a veterinarian in the
19 form of a directive; and

20 WHEREAS, the Veterinary Feed Directive dramatically
21 changed the process of accessing and administering
22 antibiotics to livestock as well as the relationship among
23 veterinarians, feed suppliers and farmers; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Veterinary Feed Directive has caused
2 hardships for Oklahoma farmers and ranchers, putting
3 livestock in inhumane circumstances as their care is delayed
4 or in some cases unattainable; and

5 Whereas, Oklahoma farmers and ranchers are devoted to
6 continuing to produce the safest food supply in the entire
7 world, supplying completely antibiotic-free meat to consumers
8 worldwide; and

9 WHEREAS, Oklahoma farmers and ranchers are committed to
10 raising healthy animals through the judicious use of
11 antibiotics in giving care to their animals; and

12 WHEREAS, Oklahoma farmers and ranchers are capable to
13 prevent most disease with the used of antimicrobials; and

14 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives believes
15 that Oklahomans are the most qualified to determine health,
16 safety, and well-being of the animals under their care
17 through medicated and nonmedicated feed.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the repeal of
21 the Veterinary Feed Directive and hereby encourages the Oklahoma
22 Congressional Delegation and the United States Congress to support
23 the repeal of the Veterinary Feed Directive.

1 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to each member of
2 the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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