

Dog And Cat Meat Consumption Prohibition Added To House Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES, April 18, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today the United States House of Representatives Agriculture Committee approved an amendment offered by Congressman Jeff Denham (R-CA) to place the language of H.R. 1406, the Dog and Cat Meat Prohibition Act into the House of Representatives Farm Bill.

H.R. 1406, authored by Congressman Alcee Hasting (D-FL) and Congressman Vern Buchanan (R-FL), along with 240 co-sponsors from the House, prohibits the slaughter, trade or import/export of dogs and cats for human consumption in the United States - a practice still legal in 44 states.

"I am overjoyed that the House Agriculture Committee has put the language of H.R.1406 into the farm bill and I thank Congressman Denham for his strong support for our cause and for making the amendment" stated Marc Ching, founder and President Emeritus of the [Animal Hope and Wellness Foundation](#), the sponsors of H.R.1406.

"This is just one small victory in our effort to ban this horrible practice in our country and internationally, but it is an important one and one that could not have been possible without our great team and the strong support we have had from our great authors Congressman Hastings and Congressman Buchanan. There is still a lot of work to do but we are closer now than we have ever been before," concluded Ching.

The Animal Hope and Wellness Foundation, founded by Mr. Ching in 2011 has been a leader in bringing global awareness to the international practice of torturing and butchering of dogs and cats for consumption. Mr. Ching regularly travels to Asia where he personally rescues dogs from this trade, often putting his life in jeopardy to do so. H.R. 1406 is the Foundation's first legislative effort.

The Farm Bill will move forward for a vote on the House floor and then to conference committee where it will be merged with the Senate version. A final bill is expected to be voted on in September.

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