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COMPETITION FOR LIVESTOCK MARKETS

WHEREAS, Club 20 has long maintained a concern for the continuation of healthy agricultural production in Western Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the importance of increasing market competition and fairness for America’s farmers and ranchers became clear and compelling during the 2002 farm bill debate; and

WHEREAS, agricultural industry concentration, both vertical and horizontal, is driving farm-gate prices down while consumer prices continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, the use of captive supplies of animals to be processed and unfair contracts offered to producers on a take-it-or-leave-it basis - producers who often have no optional buyers to which to turn - have risen substantially over the last decade; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Club 20 supports Congressional efforts to better provide our country’s farmers and ranchers with fair, competitive markets and a fair share of the consumers’ food dollar so that we can be more likely to maintain a healthy agricultural production sector in western Colorado and the country as a whole.

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