

Rural Lifestyle Alliance LLC

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The RLA seeks to protect small farmers and backyard flock hobbyists from federal legislation that can negatively impact both themselves and the animals in their care. At one and the same time this simple “mission” can become complicated by any number of outside factors, including legislative actions taken in various states that can compel Congress to act on a message that is either unclear, or patently false.

As this is being written, state legislatures around the country are convening to commit new laws to their respective codes, or amend ones already there. As such this is a critical time for patrons of the RLA to respond locally to their own emerging state issues, such that their support of RLA at the congressional level is fortified.

All of the negative laws and encumbrances developed at the federal level had their birthing locally, in either an action or impression given that emerged in a statute. RLA is much better positioned to defeat or amend these at the top if the battlements have been prepared closer to home.

Our biggest national concern at present is with the movement to more extensively fund the Department of Agriculture as an investigatory agency rather than a regulating agency. Animal Rights zealots have shown a propensity for infiltrating such agencies and driving their interests in ways that are detrimental not only to owners m but to the animals as well. Our lobbyist (Mindy Patterson) is presently consuming a lot of her time monitoring this development at present and we will keep you informed.

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