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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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1 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States  
2 Congress to support legislation to amend the  
3 Federal Meat Inspection Act to exempt from federal  
4 regulation the slaughter and processing of cattle,  
5 swine, and other animals produced as part of our  
6 food system for intrastate sale.  
7 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease, COVID-19, caused  
8 by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, is an easily  
9 transmissible disease that was identified in 2019 and  
10 declared a pandemic in 2020; and  
11 WHEREAS, the outbreak of the pandemic has placed at  
12 risk food security systems in countries throughout the  
13 world; and  
14 WHEREAS, in the United States, the continued battle  
15 to control the disease has brought into sharp focus  
16 the need to maintain and enhance a dependable system  
17 of food supply; and  
18 WHEREAS, four companies process over 80 percent of  
19 American beef, and three companies control 63 percent  
20 of this nation's swine processing; and  
21 WHEREAS, custom facilities throughout the country  
22 are exempt from federal inspection regulations when  
23 slaughtering animals for meat and processing meat for  
24 the personal consumption of the animal's owner; and  
25 WHEREAS, during the 116th Congress, H.R. 2859 and  
26 S. 1620 were introduced, known as a the "Processing

1 Revival and Interstate Meat Exemption (PRIME) Act",  
2 which would have amended the Federal Meat Inspection  
3 Act, and specifically 21 U.S.C. §623; and

4 WHEREAS, the PRIME Act would recognize the freedom  
5 and flexibility of states to regulate the sale of  
6 custom slaughtered and processed meat within their  
7 respective intrastate jurisdictions in a manner  
8 compatible with our federal system of government; and

9 WHEREAS, this system of intrastate control over  
10 slaughter and processing facilities would result in  
11 the sale of meat directly to household customers, as  
12 well as to restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, and  
13 other food establishments that serve customers in their  
14 state; and

15 WHEREAS, this system of intrastate control over  
16 slaughter and processing facilities would support  
17 small farmers who lack reasonable access to such  
18 facilities, improve access to locally produced meats  
19 increasingly demanded by consumers, and revitalize  
20 rural communities; and

21 WHEREAS, this system of intrastate control over  
22 slaughter and processing facilities would strengthen  
23 this nation's food supply by increasing the number  
24 of slaughter and processing facilities in the United  
25 States; NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
27 THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa House of  
28 Representatives urges the United States Congress to  
29 support the passage of legislation based on the PRIME  
30 Act to exempt from federal regulation the slaughter and

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1 processing of cattle, swine, and other animals produced  
2 as part of our food system for intrastate sale; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
4 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House  
5 of Representatives to the President of the Senate  
6 of the United States, the Speaker of the House of  
7 Representatives of the United States, the Majority and  
8 Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, and the  
9 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States  
10 House of Representatives; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
12 Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
13 Representatives to Iowa's congressional delegation.