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To: senators

Subject: mRNA Vaccines in Cattle - message from the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Good Morning Senator –

Several of you have reached out with questions regarding information floating around about the use of mRNA vaccines in cattle. I am happy to provide information on behalf of the members of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA), regarding this topic and welcome your questions.

First, let me share - **there are no current mRNA vaccines licensed/approved for use in beef cattle in the United States or worldwide.**

It is important to know that OCA members work very hard and diligently to protect the health of their animals. Likewise, they are committed to raising beef for their families and yours that is safe, nutritious and wholesome.

Herd health management practices include:

1. A Veterinary/Client/Patient relationship that provides the latest and most up-to-date herd health information as the cattle raiser works closely with their local veterinarian.
2. Vaccines labeled for use in cattle to prevent many types of diseases, including respiratory and clostridial diseases.
3. Again, there are no mRNA vaccines approved for use in beef cattle.

I am happy to provide additional information or answer any specific questions you might have about this topic or any other related to beef cattle production. Additionally, Oklahoma is blessed to have an excellent State Veterinarian's office within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, led by State Veterinarian Dr. Rod Hall, who is an outstanding resource of information.

Sincerely,

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