

American Dairy Coalition: Supports the Bicameral Congressional Trade Authority Act of 2019

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The American Dairy Coalition supports the efforts of Congressman Mike Gallagher (R-WI) with his introduction of the Bicameral Congressional Trade Authority Act of 2019. This bill will make it necessary for the president to submit to Congress any plans to “adjust imports in the interest of national security under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.” A similar bill has been introduced to the Senate.

“When it comes to trade, Congress has consistently surrendered its Constitutional authorities to the executive branch. This bill reverses that trend, allowing for trade interventions when our national security is at stake and giving the Defense Department a greater role in that process. My bill also safeguards the public from executive overreach and from protectionist policies that hurt Wisconsin families, manufacturers and farmers.”—Rep. Gallagher said in a statement.

Recently, the U.S. dairy products industry has been reeling, trying to overcome the challenges created when major trading partners like Mexico and China placed retaliatory tariffs on dairy products in reaction to steel and aluminum tariffs the imposed by the Trump Administration. The American Dairy Coalition feels the Bicameral Congressional Trade Authority Act will allow our elected officials to weigh in on the possible impacts of import adjustments on the various industries that

employ hard-working Americans.