

# U.S. Rep. Tiffany: Seeks to protect mink farms from Washington overreach

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**Washington, DC** – On Thursday, Congressman Tom Tiffany (WI-07) led 10 of his colleagues in sending [a letter](#) to Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Bruce Westerman and Subcommittee on Waters, Oceans, and Wildlife Ranking Member Cliff Bentz urging them to oppose any effort to attach extraneous language prohibiting the purchase, sale, or transport of farmed mink to China-related legislation.

“The inclusion of this anti-agriculture provision in a bill that is supposed help us meet the economic and security challenges posed by Communist China is a typical, Washington-style sneak attack on mink farmers in Wisconsin and across the country,” **said Congressman Tiffany.** “The COMPETES Act is supposed to strengthen our trade and competitive stance with China. How does putting hardworking mink farmers out of business advance that goal?”

## **Background:**

Included in the House version of H.R. 4521, the America COMPETES Act of 2022, was a destructive provision called the “MINKS” Amendment, which amends the Lacey Act to prohibit the purchase, sale, or transportation of farmed minks. Due to the differences between the House and the Senate version of the America COMPETES Act, a House-Senate Conference Committee has now been formed to iron out differences between versions of a bill passed by each chamber.

Congressman Tiffany and his colleagues are standing for rural America and multi-generational family farms whose livelihoods would be destroyed by this provision. The goal of the America COMPETES Act is to strengthen our trade and competitive

stance with China. This provision seeks to do the exact opposite and instead, would devastate mink farmers across America. Wisconsin is the [top mink producing state](#) in the nation, and it is crucial that we make sure it isn't snuffed out by outrageous Washington overreach.

**Cosigners:** Reps. Russ Fulcher (ID-01), Chris Stewart (UT-02), Bryan Steil (WI-01), Glenn Grothman (WI-06), Scott Fitzgerald (WI-05), Mike Simpson (ID-02), Blake Moore (UT-01), Burgess Owens (UT-04), Mike Kelly (PA-16), and Fred Keller (PA-12)

**Full text of the letter can be found [here](#).**