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Oklahoma Cattlemen and Oklahoma Pork Council Issue a Joint Statement on the Lawsuit Challenging State Law

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. Sept. 17, 2020 – This week, a lawsuit was filed in federal court in Oklahoma challenging a state law regarding labeling alternative or fake meat products. During the 2020 Oklahoma Legislative Session, Representative Toni Hasenbeck and Senator Micheal Bergstrom authored HB 3806. This bill was a lead priority for the Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association (OCA) in the 2020 Legislative Session and, working with the Oklahoma Pork Council, the bill overwhelmingly passed through the House and Senate to the Governor’s desk to become state law.

OCA and the Oklahoma Pork Council issued the following joint statement this week. -- “We believe if a product wants to pass itself as beef, pork or meat, then it must be properly labeled so consumers will know exactly what they are purchasing. This language clarifies that “beef” must come from cattle, that “pork” must come from a pig, and that “meat” must come from livestock. We look forward to working with the State of Oklahoma in defending this commonsense law.”

View HB 3806 at http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2019-20%20ENR/hb/HB3806%20ENR.PDF.

The Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association is the trusted voice of the Oklahoma Cattle Industry. OCA is the only voice that speaks solely for the cattlemen of Oklahoma and represents beef producers in all 77 counties across the state. The OCA officers, board of directors and membership encourages you to join us in our advocacy efforts to ensure less government intervention, lower taxes and a better bottom line. For more information about OCA membership, the theft reward program or activities call 405-235-4391 or visit www.okcattlemen.org.

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