The Honorable Tom Coburn United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Coburn and Feinstein,

The undersigned livestock and poultry groups appreciate your leadership with the introduction of "The Ethanol Subsidy and Tariff Repeal Act," which would end 30 years of tax credits for conventional ethanol and end the tariff on imported ethanol on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

At a time when animal agriculture is facing pressures on many fronts, this legislation would ease the economic strain that is heavily affecting the industries that rely so heavily on corn to feed livestock and poultry. Corn-based ethanol has distorted the corn market, and stretched corn supplies to the point production costs have been increased significantly. Additionally, the current import tariff on foreign sources of ethanol harms US consumers by retarding the development of a robust and sustainable biofuels market.

If enacted, your legislation would save taxpayers nearly \$3.3 billion in 2011. Experts such as the Congressional Budget Office and the Government Accountability Office have already concluded that the subsidy is unnecessary and leading economists agree that ending it would have little impact on ethanol production, prices, or jobs.

This legislation will help American consumers by ending the costly and unnecessary protection and subsidization of converting corn into fuel. We applaud you for your leadership on the issue and strongly encourage Congress to pass this legislation promptly.

Sincerely,

American Meat Institute National Meat Association

California Dairies, Inc.

National Pork Producers Council

National Chicken Council National Turkey Federation

National Cattlemen's Beef Association