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TALKING POINTS FOR LIVESTOCK CREDIT ACT SIGNING
OCTOBER 15, 1976
IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TODAY TO BE ABLE TO SIGN THIS BILL WHICH EXTENDS THE EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK CREDIT ACT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1978.

AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND OUR LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY IN PARTICULAR IS THE ENVY OF THE WORLD.

I WANT TO KEEP THIS INDUSTRY STRONG SO THAT OUR FARMERS AND RANCHERS CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE FOOD AMERICA NEEDS.
THIS LEGISLATION PROVIDES A USEFUL AND NECESSARY PROGRAM TO ASSURE THAT THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY CAN OBTAIN THE CREDIT IT NEEDS IN ORDER TO RETURN TO A HEALTHY AND STABLE POSITION.

THIS ACTION AND OTHER RECENT ACTIONS I HAVE TAKEN SUCH AS SIGNING THE MUCH NEEDED PACKER BONDING LEGISLATION AND THE IMPOSITION OF QUOTAS ON MEAT IMPORTS -- WILL HELP AND STRENGTHEN THE AMERICAN LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY.

I CONSIDER IT CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY WHILE IT IS EXPERIENCING ECONOMIC ADVERSITY.
THE BILL I AM SIGNING TODAY WILL ASSIST LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS, PROVIDE STABILITY IN THE MARKETPLACE AND HELP TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF MEAT FOR AMERICAN CONSUMERS AT REASONABLE PRICES.

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