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## NAA ACTION ALERT

### **Minor Use Minor Species Animal Health Act**

There is immediate need for each NAA member to contact their congressmen, via e-mail, fax and phone asking for their co-sponsorship of the MUMS legislation. The Senate MUMS Bill is S 741. **Mr. Pickering (R-MS) and Mr. John (D-LA) plan to introduce the MUMS legislation in the House of Representatives on Thursday April 10, 2003.** We need you to immediately ask members of the House of Representatives to be original co-sponsors. Our initial focus should be on members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce are:

W.J. "Billy" Tauzin (LA)---Chair	Mike Rogers (MI)
Michael Bilirakis (FL)	Darrell Issa (CA)
Joe Barton (TX)	C.L. "Butch" Otter (ID)--Already a cosponsor, need to thank him for his support!
Fred Upton (MI)	John Dingell (MI)--Ranking member
Cliff Stearns (FL)	Henry Waxman (CA)
Paul E. Gillmor (OH)	Edward Markey (MA)
James Greenwood (PA)--Already a cosponsor, need to thank him for his support!	Ralph Hall (TX)
Christopher Cox (CA)	Rick Boucher (VA)
Nathan Deal (GA)	Edolphus Towns (NY)
Richard Burr (NC)--Vice Chair	Frank Pallone Jr (NJ)
Ed Whitfield (KY)	Sherrod Brown (OH)
Charlie Norwood (GA)	Bart Gordon (TN)
Barbara Cubin (WY)	Peter Deutch (FL)
John Shimkus (IL)	Bobby Rush (IL)
Heather Wilson (NM)	Anna Eshoo (CA)
John Shadegg (AZ)	Bart Stupak (MI)
Chip Pickering (MS)--Sponsor of the bill!, need to thank him!	Eliot Engel (NY)
Vito Fossella (NY)	Albert R. Wynn (MD)
Boy Blunt (MO)	Gene Green (TX)
Steve Buyer (IN)	Karen McCarthy (MO)
George Radanovich (CA)	Ted Strickland (OH)
Charles Bass (NH)	Diana DeGette (CO)
Joseph Pitts (PA)	Lois Capps (CA)
Mary Bono (CA)	Michael Doyle (PA)
Greg Walden (OR)	Chris John (LA)--Already a cosponsor, need to thank him for his support!
Lee Terry (NE)	Tom Allen (ME)
Ernie Fletcher (KY)	Jim Davis (FL)
Mike Ferguson (NJ)	Jan Schakowsky (IL)

Hilda Solis (CA)

There are currently eleven original cosponsors in the Senate. **MORE SENATE COSPONSORS ARE NEEDED!** The cosponsors in the Senate to date are:

Sessions (AL)  
Allard (CO)  
Collins (ME)  
Crapo (ID)  
Gregg (NH)  
Lincoln (AR)

Bingaman (NM)  
Craig (ID)  
Ensign (NV)  
Harkin (IA)  
Miller (GA)

Follow-up contact with Senators or Congressmen is essential either to thank them for their co-sponsorship or to get a response. A daily phone call, until a response is received, is the best way to get a commitment.

When contacting Congressmen you should identify the bill (The Minor Use Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2003), a few key bullet points about what the bill does and most importantly, why the bill is important to you and your state.

The MUMS legislation itself can be found at (<http://thomas.loc.gov/>). In the box for bill number, type in S741.

Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee are listed at (<http://energycommerce.house.gov/108/members/members.htm>). You can contact each committee member or those you want to reach via their individual websites accessed at the above committee address. They will also list addresses.

Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee are listed at ([http://www.senate.gov/%7Elabor/committee\\_members.html](http://www.senate.gov/%7Elabor/committee_members.html)). You can contact each committee member or those you want to reach via their individual websites accessed at the above committee address. They will also list addresses.

There is a continual need to provide financing for our MUMS lobbying effort. Checks should be mailed to National Aquaculture Association, 111 W. Washington Street, Suite 1, Charles Town, WV 25414.

Now that we have garnered the support of Senator Gregg (R-NH), Chairman of the HELP Committee, and Mr. Tauzin (R-LA), Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, we have the best chance we have ever had for securing passage of the MUMS legislation. **We must now get our grassroots efforts energized and secure additional cosponsors.**