

Re: H.R. 9027 – Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies Act 2025

Congressional Amendments:

Rep Hagerman (WY)

- Amendment #10 to HR 9027 to block Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) use of Electronic Identification (EID) eartags as official identification in cattle and bison, which mandates electronic eartags for cattle and bison moving through interstate commerce.
- Numerous concerns especially for small / independent ranchers
 - Unfunded federal mandate
 - Threatens further vertical integration of food supply chain
 - Serious Privacy concerns
 - Doesn't comply with realities of ranching operations.
- Concerns from Intertribal Buffalo Council (ITBC): Use of EID tags don't align with how Tribes manage buffalo; Tribes manage buffalo as wildlife not livestock, which means they do not have round up or shoots necessary to tag bison. Tribes also move bison to other reservations for the purposes of strengthening the gene pool.

Note: The remaining of the hearing did not raise issues directly relevant to Tribal and food agriculture.