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To prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised
in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUINTA (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BUCHANAN, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LANCE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. GIBSON, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. JONES, Mr. FARR, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. MARINO, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. DENT, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. LEE, Mr. HARRIS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. JOLLY, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prevent human health threats posed by the consumption
of equines raised in the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguard American
3 Food Exports Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) unlike cows, pigs, and other domesticated
7 species, horses and other members of the equidae
8 family are not raised for the purpose of human con-
9 sumption;

10 (2) equines raised in the United States are fre-
11 quently treated with substances that are not ap-
12 proved for use in horses intended for human con-
13 sumption and equine parts are therefore unsafe
14 within the meaning of section 409 of the Federal
15 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

16 (3) equines raised in the United States are fre-
17 quently treated with drugs, including phenylbuta-
18 zone, acepromazine, boldenone undecylenate, omepr-
19azole, ketoprofen, xylazine, hyaluronic acid, nitrofu-
20 razole, polysulfated glycosaminoglycan, clenbuterol,
21 tolazoline, and ponazuril, which are not approved for
22 use in horses intended for human consumption and
23 equine parts are therefore unsafe within the mean-
24 ing of section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and
25 Cosmetic Act; and

1 (4) consuming parts of an equine raised in the
2 United States likely poses a serious threat to human
3 health and the public should be protected from these
4 unsafe products.

5 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS.**

6 Section 301 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
7 Act (21 U.S.C. 331) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(ddd) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
10 section—

11 “(1) equine parts shall be deemed unsafe under
12 section 409 of this Act;

13 “(2) equine parts shall be deemed unsafe under
14 section 512 of this Act; and

15 “(3) the knowing sale or transport of equines or
16 equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce for
17 purposes of human consumption is hereby prohib-
18 ited.”.

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