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## Congress Stands Up for Alfalfa Exporters, Time for USTR to Do the Same

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WASHINGTON (Sept. 25): Today the U.S. Forage Export Council (USFEC) praised the release of a letter signed by 17 Members of Congress to the U.S. Trade Representative urging him to make ensuring a stable and growing market in China for American alfalfa exports a priority in trade negotiations with China.

"As Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in the United States for discussions and negotiations with President Obama, USFEC is pleased to see that policymakers are paying attention to the needs of alfalfa farmers and exporters. We hope that the Obama Administration will follow through on this request and ensure a stable market for U.S. alfalfa in China," said John Szczepanski, director of the USFEC.

"U.S. alfalfa farmers and exporters grow and ship the highest quality alfalfa in the world, which is critical in maximizing dairy production, especially in China. As the Chinese middle class demands more milk, China needs the very best feed for its cattle in order to provide it. USFEC has been providing this feed for several years and looks forward to many more years of growing production.

"We are very grateful for the 17 Members of Congress who have shown such a deep commitment to the needs of alfalfa growers. They have gone above and beyond in identifying a key challenge for our members, and taking action on behalf of American farmers and exporters. They and their co-signatories deserve much credit for their action, and we hope that the Obama Administration heeds this bipartisan call to action as Presidents Obama and Xi begin their discussions."

The U.S. Forage Export Council (USFEC) is a subcommittee of the National Hay Association, established in 1895. USFEC membership is comprised of thirty-two US-based exporters; representing over \$1 billion in forage exports sourced from communities in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. Each year, about 250,000 TEU's (twenty-foot equivalent units) are shipped from West Coast ports, bound for customers around the world.