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NMPF Backs New Senate Legislation to Impose Tariffs on Milk Protein Imports Schumer Resumes Fight against MPC, Casein Imports

ARLINGTON, VA – The National Milk Producers Federation today endorsed new Senate legislation, S. 1542, to impose tariffs on imports of Milk Protein Concentrate (MPC), casein and caseinates.

Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has introduced legislation called the Milk Import Tariff Equity Act, which would create tariff-rate quotas on foreign dairy proteins that currently come into the U.S. in unlimited quantities. Since 2001, NMPF has supported the passage of the MITEA in order to close a loophole in the U.S. dairy sector allowing certain dairy proteins, such as MPC and caseins, to enter the U.S. and disrupt farm-level prices.

The legislation contains language directing the U.S. government to ensure that the new TRQs are consistent with the U.S.'s World Trade Organization commitments. The tariff rates would be consistent with existing U.S. tariffs on similar products, such as nonfat dry milk.

The National Milk Producers Federation, based in Arlington, VA, develops and carries out policies that advance the well being of dairy producers and the cooperatives they own. The members of NMPF's 31 cooperatives produce the majority of the U.S. milk supply, making NMPF the voice of more than 40,000 dairy producers on Capitol Hill and with government agencies. Visit www.nmpf.org for more information.