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Chair Hill, Vice Chair Koehler, Ranking Member Patterson, and members of the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Resolution 298. The purpose of this resolution is to simply recognize the existence of two distinct alfalfa products, direct dehydrated alfalfa and sun-cured alfalfa. This resolution is in direct response of the Ingredient Definition Committee of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO).

AAFCO has defined direct dehydrated alfalfa as the aerial portion of the plant that is free of other crop plants, and that have not been stored in sun-cured alfalfa hay prior to being ground and dried. They have also clarified their position on chopped alfalfa, which is dehydrated straight from the field instead of being stored in stacks or bales.

This resolution encourages the feed industry to label their products correctly as they align with the AAFCO's new definitions for types of alfalfa. This will ensure that the regulation of animal feed doesn't change from state-to state and encourages uniformity that benefits both feed producers and consumers.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify on HR 298, we would be happy to answer any questions at this time.