



March 15, 2024

The Honorable Chuck Gray  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol, 200 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Re: Veto of SF0103/SEA No. 30 Wyoming PRIME Act

Dear Secretary Gray,

I appreciate all the efforts put into this legislation and Wyoming's continued dedication and leadership to secure better food freedom policies. Senate Enrolled Act No. 30, unfortunately, while well intentioned, will only serve to increase confusion for consumers. Enacting a state law without Congress having already passed the federal PRIME Act would only mislead consumers who might actually assume the provisions of the state law would be active. Because the actions this act contemplates only become effective if the federal PRIME Act is passed, this law would remain dormant. Furthermore, passage of Senate Enrolled Act No. 30 in its current form could actually delay Wyoming's implementation if Congress does not pass the legislation in its current form. For these reasons, I am vetoing SF0103/Enrolled Act No. 30 Wyoming Prime Act and delivering this bill to you without my signature, along with this letter.

Regardless of their merits, I find trigger bills to be troublesome because the Legislature is creating law on an event that is yet to occur. As such, these efforts only clutter our laws. In this case, whether Congress can ever pass the federal PRIME Act is completely out of Wyoming's control. Senate Enrolled Act No. 30 is only triggered upon passage of the federal PRIME Act. In the meantime, if Wyoming meat processors or livestock producers attempted to use the provisions of Enrolled Act No. 30 without changes in federal law, they would be subject to license revocation, fines and federal penalties. Furthermore, Wyoming's state meat and poultry inspection program would be noncompliant with the federal Meat Inspection Act, putting Wyoming's program at risk. Finally, if the federal PRIME Act is passed by Congress, but is amended during the process, Wyoming statute would likely require conforming changes that could unnecessarily delay implementation in the state. Should the federal PRIME Act become law, I have no doubt Wyoming would quickly respond with corresponding legislation furthering Wyoming's food freedoms.

I applaud Wyoming's leadership on these issues and its efforts to foster more direct relationships between producers and consumers. In the meantime, Wyoming's Department of Agriculture continues to work diligently to assure Wyoming's autonomy and primacy.

Sincerely,



Mark Gordon  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Ogden Driskill, President of the Senate w/copy of SEA No. 30  
The Honorable Sommers, Speaker of the House w/copy of SEA No. 30  
Chief Clerk, Wyoming Senate w/copy of SEA No. 30  
Chief Clerk, Wyoming House of Representatives w/copy of SEA No. 30