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**BAUCUS APPLAUDS TAIWAN'S DECISION  
TO PROVIDE GREATER MARKET ACCESS FOR U.S. BEEF**

*Finance Committee Chairman Urges Taiwan to Provide Access for All Ages, All Cuts*

**Washington, D.C.** – Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) today applauded Taiwan's decision to fully open its market to all U.S. beef exports from animals that are less than 30 months old. At the same time, Baucus reiterated that all U.S. beef is safe, and urged Taiwan to allow imports of all ages and cuts of U.S. beef, consistent with scientific standards.

**"Taiwan's decision to open its market to all U.S. beef exports less than 30 months is welcome news, though it is long overdue,"** said Baucus. **"There is no question that U.S. beef, whether raised in my home state of Montana or elsewhere, is perfectly safe. The protocol Taiwan negotiated with the United States recognizes this fact, and I expect Taiwan to allow imports of all delicious Montanan – and American – beef soon."**

The World Health Organization (OIE) has long recognized that all cuts of U.S. beef, from animals of all ages, are safe. The United States and Taiwan negotiated a protocol in which Taiwan explicitly recognized that U.S. beef meets or exceeds OIE standards. Nonetheless, Taiwan continues to prohibit imports of U.S. beef from animals aged over 30 months.

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