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to the Commission**

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Subject: ‘Lab to Fork’

Laboratory-grown protein products, sponsored by the Commission, are generating debate about their impact in the sovereign states of the EU. The ‘Farm to Fork’ Strategy and its associated regulations are endangering our nations’ agri-food system – in view of the introduction of such artificial products, the European Commission might as well re-brand its initiative as ‘Lab to Fork’.

The livestock sector, which supports thousands of jobs and is key to rural development, is threatened by these substitutes. Moreover, the lack of long-term studies on the effects on human health and the absence of a clear legal framework create uncertainty about these synthetic products which – we hope – will never be referred to as ‘meat’.

In light of the above:

Has the Commission measured the economic impact on the livestock sector of introducing lab-grown protein products?

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