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**WASHINGTON, DC** - U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) made the following statement on joining the Congressional Dairy Caucus to better address the serious issues facing dairy farmers in Upstate New York and across the country:

"I am pleased to join many of my colleagues in forming a coalition of support for our nation's dairy industry," **Arcuri said**. "I am confident that this caucus will be instrumental in fighting to fix milk prices and addressing the many other needs of our farmers as the dairy industry recovers from the current crisis. This caucus is a major first step in accomplishing the goal of turning the dairy industry around and ensuring the livelihoods of Upstate New York dairy farmers today and into tomorrow."

The Congressional Dairy Caucus is a bipartisan group of over 50 members of Congress from across the country representing areas with significant dairy concerns and interests.