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Ladies/Gentlemen:

I am making contact today to ask for an additional sixty (60) days response time to the BSE Issue (Docket No. 2004N-0264). Your public request for comment and input is so complex and has such new areas of possible negative effects on our company and the services we provide to the animal and meat related industries, we cannot determine the financial and environmental damage from the possible changes from current rules now in place.

This is a very serious situation and needs full input from all parties possibly involved in a very thorough manner which is not possible in such a short comment period. Also, the more tested animals achieved in the current USDA/APHIS Program, the better proof of United States involvement with native BSE or lack thereof, would surely affect the need for any additional rules.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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