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Re: PROPOSED FDA RULE

Dear Customer:

Valley Proteins, Inc. has been providing dead stock removal service to farmers like you for over 50 years. What has made it possible for us to provide this service is that we are able to render the carcasses of the animals we collect. The FDA has proposed a new rule regarding the use of dead stock in animal feed that could seriously jeopardize the continuation of this service.

The enclosed proposed FDA rule regarding dead stock and BSE will require Valley Proteins to substantially increase service charges or exit the dead stock removal business. Disposal alternatives will likely become fewer and more expensive in this era of stricter environmental controls.

There is no scientific need for this new rule. The current rule established in 1997 is working and the livestock industry's compliance is 99%. After more than 500,000 tests, only one animal raised in the U.S. has ever tested positive for BSE. That animal was born prior to the implementation of the current feed rule. Europe accounts for 99.9% of all recorded BSE cases.

The proposed rule is in a comment phase right now. We encourage you to send your comments on the rule changes to the FDA. If you prefer, you may sign and mail the attached letter to the FDA. A stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience. It would also be helpful if you would contact your senators and representative(s) and express your concerns to them. The names and addresses of your senators and representative(s) are listed below.

Thank you for your help in preventing this unneeded regulation from being enacted.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

- Senator Paul Sarbanes 309 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510
- Senator Barbara Mikulski 709 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510
- Representative Roscoe Bartlett 2412 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

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