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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I write today to request additional information regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) oversight of operations at the JBS Tolleson, Inc. beef packing plant.

Earlier today, USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced the company has expanded its Class I Recall of ground beef that may be contaminated with *Salmonella* Newport. This outbreak, which now includes a recall of more than 12 million pounds of ground beef, has sickened 246 people across 25 states and has resulted in 59 hospitalizations.

To better understand the failures that have led to this outbreak, I am requesting complete *Salmonella* testing results from the plant in question during the 52 weeks prior to this outbreak. This request is consistent with FSIS Directive 1400.1.

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro".

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress

Cc: Carmen Rottenberg, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety