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May 21, 2018

The Honorable Scott Gottlieb, M.D.
Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993

Dear Commissioner Gottlieb:

I continue to be concerned with the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) investigation and response to the *Salmonella* Braenderup outbreak related to shell eggs produced by Rose Acre Farms.

In my previous April 19 letter, I requested additional information about this investigation after FDA inspection reports revealed that the Agency was aware of serious food safety violations at Rose Acre Farms' Hyde County facility weeks before a recall was initiated. I believe this further information about the timeline of the investigation is important to evaluate the Agency's response, and I await your response.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed 12 additional infections across five new states, bringing the total case count to 35 infections, including 11 hospitalizations, in 9 states. In total, almost 207 million eggs were recalled in what has been the largest egg-related *Salmonella* outbreak since 2010.

Despite the scale of this outbreak, there are still many unanswered questions related to the recall and the investigation. In order to better understand the current status of the investigation, I ask for a written response to the following questions.

1. What is the current situation regarding egg production at Rose Acre Farms' Hyde County facility? If the facility is not presently producing eggs for the table market, what is the Agency's timeline for the facility to return to production?
2. Did the facility ever suspend operations? If so, what were the beginning and ending dates of the suspension, and what role did FDA play in this decision?
3. What actions has FDA taken to resolve the unsanitary conditions at the Hyde County facility that led to the current outbreak? What assurances does the Agency have that the facility will not succumb to the same numerous violations that have been documented in previous inspection reports?

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4. Has FDA inspected any other facilities, across the nation, owned or operated by Rose Acre Farms? If so, what are the dates of those inspections, and will the Agency commit to sharing those inspection reports?

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Christian Lovell on my staff at (202) 225-3661 or at christian.lovell@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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