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To Whom It May Concern,

As an active and full time Bison Meat business, I am writing in opposition to the proposed increase in voluntary meat inspection fees. This increase will have a negative effect on my business and will result in an increase in my prices. If this price increase would result in better services or an effort to include our industry in mandatory inspection, I'm sure you would get more support. As it is now, half the time inspectors are not even present when we are getting charged for inspection, what kind of service is that?

As a small business struggling to compete with other meat industries that do not pay these fees, please reconsider this increase in the name of fairness.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Childs, Manager
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