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Mr. Gene Hugoson
90 West Plato Boulevard
St Paul, MN 55107-2094

Dear Mr. Hugoson,

Thank you for your support in the past to allow the slaughter and processing of injured livestock in processing plants such as my family owned business. Along with my family, our business employs 2 employees serving local livestock producers.

It is my understanding that the Federal Department of Agriculture is threatening to withdraw funding from the State of Minnesota if the State continues to support the slaughter of these animals in custom slaughtering plants.

I strongly encourage you to support the processing of injured livestock for the following reasons:

1. These animals are slaughtered due to an injury resulting from some type of accident.
2. The owner of these animals reduce their financial loss by the consumption of the processed product.
3. This service we provide is a specialized service which is vital to are business.
4. Finally, I would hope common sense would prevail in this issue.

Please feel free to contact me for support on this issue at the above address or by calling (business) 507-962-3251 or (home) 507-962-3479)

Thank you for taking this matter in to consideration.

Sincerely,

Tedd Larson