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Dear Sirs:

Some American citizens mentioned the outbreaks of AI in China. Now I am going to tell the truth about the prevention and control of AI in China. The Chinese government has always been attaching great importance to the prevention and control of AI. The Chinese government won the battle against AI in 2004, which was also recognized by FAO.

In 2005, AI outbreaks occurred in many countries including China. In response, the Chinese government, particularly the Ministry of Agriculture and AQSIQ, has taken nine measures, namely, the enforcement of laws and regulations, strengthening the monitoring system, strengthening the reporting system, giving a full play to publicity, building a compensation system, stressing scientific research and development, increasing international exchanges and cooperations. These measures have yielded good results.

As a big producer for poultry products, the United States was also attacked by AI, particularly in the years of 1924, 1983 and 2004. More recently, Canada, US neighbor, also reported to have AI outbreaks. In November 2005, the US and China issued a joint concept statement for the prevention and control of AI. On November 20th, top leaders of the two nations reached consensus in Beijing on bilateral cooperation on the prevention and control of AI.

Therefore, we come to the conclusion that China's responses to AI are transparent and accessible and the accusations on China's policies on AI prevention and control, together with all the worries that Chinese poultry products may carry AI virus or other harmful substances are utterly groundless. Objections against the imports of Chinese poultry products will lead to damages to Sino-US trade and the common interests of the people of the two nations.

best regards,

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