TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TODD STAPLES
COMMISSIONER

April 9, 2009

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senate
Russell Senate Office Building
Room 284
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hutchison:

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable John Cornyn
U.S. Senate
Hart Senate Office Building
Room 517
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn:

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The Honorable Joe Barton
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2109
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Barton:

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The Honorable Kevin Brady
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 301
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Brady:

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The Honorable Michael Burgess
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 229
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Burgess:

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The Honorable John Carter
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 409
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Carter:

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The Honorable Michael Conaway
U.S. House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building
Room 1527
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conaway:

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The Honorable Henry Cuellar
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 336
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cuellar:

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable John Culberson
U.S. House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building
Room 1514
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Culberson:

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The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 201
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Doggett:

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Chet Edwards
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2369
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Edwards:

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The Honorable Louie Gohmert
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 511
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gohmert:

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Gonzalez
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 303
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 320
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Al Green
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 236
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The Honorable Gene Green
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2372
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ralph Hall
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2405
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jeb Hensarling
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 129
Washington, D.C. 20515

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TODD STAPLES
COMMISSIONER

April 9, 2009

The Honorable Ruben Hinojosa
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2463
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hinojosa:

I encourage you to support the request made to United States Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary for Science & Technology Jay Cohen by the Texas Bio and Agro-Defense Consortium (TBAC) for him to re-reconsider the decision to locate the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, Kansas, as set forth in the Preferred Alternative Selection Memorandum released to the public on December 5, 2008.

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2160
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Jackson Lee:

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COMMISSIONER

April 9, 2009

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building
Room 1511
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Johnson:

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COMMISSIONER

April 9, 2009

The Honorable Sam Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building
Room 1211
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Johnson:

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Kenny Marchant
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 227
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Marchant:

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Michael McCaul
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 131
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McCaul:

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Randy Neugebauer
U.S. House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building
Room 1424
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Neugebauer:

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Pete Olson
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 514
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Olson:

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Solomon Ortiz
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2110
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ron Paul
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 203
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ted Poe
U.S. House of Representatives
Cannon House Office Building
Room 430
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Silvestre Reyes
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2433
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ciro Rodriguez
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2351
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U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2233
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The Honorable Lamar Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Room 2409
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The Honorable Mac Thornberry
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
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