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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 1, 2007

Dr. Ron DeHaven
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Room 312-E, Whitten Building
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Re: Docket No. APHIS 2006-0041

Dear Dr. DeHaven,

In recent days I have had several constituents contact me indicating a desire to comment on the proposed rule entitled "Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, Minimal-Risk Regions; Importation of Live Bovines and Products Derived From Bovines." Federal Register, Volume 72, Number 5, Page 1101 et seq., (January 9, 2007), but desiring or needing more time than the current comment period allows.

Therefore, I request that you extend for an additional 60 days the time period for comment on this proposed rule.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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