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The Honorable Stephen Vaden
Deputy Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Deputy Secretary Vaden,

I am writing to express my strong support for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ongoing reorganization efforts and the strategic initiative to move key offices and research operations out of the Washington, D.C., metro area. Relocating these decision-making bodies and scientific assets closer to the heart of American agriculture ensures that our federal programs are administered by individuals who live and work alongside the producers they serve.

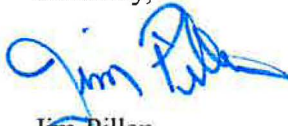
Nebraska is proud to partner with the USDA in this mission, and we are already seeing the transformative benefits of bringing these vital investments and personnel directly to our state.

First, the USDA's Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center is receiving significant new funding for research projects totaling over three million dollars. Second, Nebraska is receiving a major infrastructure investment for the National Center for Resilient and Regenerative Precision Agriculture. This facility will anchor cutting-edge advancements in agricultural resilience and technology, ensuring American agriculture remains a global leader through state-of-the-art innovation. Third, the Natural Resources Conservation Service is actively relocating headquarters staff into key regional hubs, including Lincoln, Nebraska. Having these experts embedded in our community strengthens local collaboration and improves the delivery of conservation technical assistance to our farmers and ranchers.

Nebraska remains fully committed to supporting the USDA's vision of a more accessible, responsive, and efficient department. We stand ready to welcome incoming federal staff and look forward to continuing our partnership to advance American agriculture.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued investment in our agricultural communities.

Sincerely,



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