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Mr. Austin DeCoster
Owner
Wright County Egg
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Galt, Iowa 50101

Dear Mr. DeCoster:

The Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are investigating the safety of the nation's food supply. On August 13, 2010, Wright County Egg voluntarily recalled eggs produced by their farms because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. On Wednesday, the recall was expanded to include 380 million eggs.

To assist the Committee in its investigation, we request that you provide the following information and documents, for the period from January 1, 2005, to the present, except as otherwise indicated:

1. A description of when and where the *Salmonella* contamination of Wright County Egg products was first detected;
2. A description of the identity and source of that contamination;
3. A description of how and when Wright County Egg officials first became aware of the *Salmonella* contamination of its egg products;
4. The dates that company officials first notified, or were first notified by, federal, state, and local officials of the contamination;

5. The names of all customers to which Wright County Egg has provided eggs in the last 12 months, the dates on which Wright County Egg first notified these customers of any suspected contamination, and copies of all correspondence with these customers relating to suspected contamination;
6. All inspection records relating to any of the following companies: Wright County Egg, Hillandale Farms, Quality Egg LLC, DeCoster Egg Farms, Quality Egg of New England, DeCoster Farms of Iowa, Iowa Quality Farms, County Fresh Eggs, AGR Farmland Investments, Boom-Co, Boomsma's Inc., DeCoster Enterprises, DeCoster Hog Farm, Dorothy Egg Farms, Environ, Galt LLC, Iowa AG, LLC, Glessner Management Co., Maine Contract Farming, LBI Holdings, Midwest Pork, Mountain Hollow Farms, New England Agricultural Investment Fund, Premier Farms, or any other facilities, including any inspection by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and state and local safety officials;
7. All documents relating to any allegation of violation of any health, safety, environmental, or animal cruelty laws involving any of the following companies: Wright County Egg, Hillandale Farms, Quality Egg LLC, DeCoster Egg Farms, Quality Egg of New England, DeCoster Farms of Iowa, Iowa Quality Farms, County Fresh Eggs, AGR Farmland Investments, Boom-Co, Boomsma's Inc., DeCoster Enterprises, DeCoster Hog Farm, Dorothy Egg Farms, Environ, Galt LLC, Iowa AG, LLC, Glessner Management Co., Maine Contract Farming, LBI Holdings, Midwest Pork, Mountain Hollow Farms, New England Agricultural Investment Fund, Premier Farms, or any related companies;
8. All documents relating to any allegation of *Samonella* or other contamination involving eggs or other products from any of the following companies: Wright County Egg, Hillandale Farms, Quality Egg LLC, DeCoster Egg Farms, Quality Egg of New England, DeCoster Farms of Iowa, Iowa Quality Farms, County Fresh Eggs, AGR Farmland Investments, Boom-Co, Boomsma's Inc., DeCoster Enterprises, DeCoster Hog Farm, Dorothy Egg Farms, Environ, Galt LLC, Iowa AG, LLC, Glessner Management Co., Maine Contract Farming, LBI Holdings, Midwest Pork, Mountain Hollow Farms, New England Agricultural Investment Fund, Premier Farms, or any related companies;
9. Documents sufficient to show all Wright County Egg internal protocols and standards for monitoring and analysis of its products;
10. All documents relating to the safety practices of egg production, storage, and transportation;
11. Documents sufficient to show the dates and results of all instances of monitoring or analysis that yielded a positive finding for microbiological contamination;

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12. All communications to or from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or the Iowa Department of Agriculture regarding any inspections of Wright County Egg facilities or possible *Salmonella* contamination of any food materials or products; and
13. All communications among Wright County Egg personnel relating to possible *Salmonella* contamination of the company's materials or products.

Please produce the requested information by Tuesday, September 7, 2010. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about responding to Committee document requests.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Stacia Cardille with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman



Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton
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The Honorable Michael C. Burgess
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