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The Honorable Tom Vilsack  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are examining the safety of the nation's food supply, including the recent outbreak of *Salmonella* associated with eggs from Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa.

To assist the Committee in its investigation, we request that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) produce the following documents for the time period from January 1, 2007, to the present:

1. All documents relating to USDA inspections of the facilities of Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa that are currently ongoing, including reports, supporting records, and microbiological tests;
2. All documents relating to prior USDA inspections of the facilities of Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa;
3. Copies of all contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding between USDA and any Iowa state agency that is responsible for conducting inspections on USDA's behalf, including the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals;
4. All reports, memoranda, or correspondence relating to any inspections of the facilities of Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa conducted by any Iowa state agency, including the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals;

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5. All reports, memoranda, or correspondence relating to microbiological testing conducted internally or by an independent testing laboratory of food materials or products used or produced by Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa;
6. All consumer reports or complaints relating to Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa or any related facilities;
7. All correspondence, including e-mails between employees of USDA and employees of Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa; and
8. All correspondence, including e-mails, between employees of USDA and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, or any independent microbiological testing firm regarding possible violations of food safety protocols or regulations at any facilities of Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa.

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,



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Chairman



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Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

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