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MEMORANDUM

To: Barry Jones
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From: Justin I. Bell
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Date: June 8, 2018

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Meat and Poultry Inspection Under the Virginia Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Act, 2 VAC 5 – 210.

I have reviewed the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services's proposed Amendment to the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Meat and Poultry Inspection Under the Virginia Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Act, 2 VAC 5 – 210 posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. In my view, as counsel to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to §§ 2.2-4000 et seq. and 3.2-5406 of the Code of Virginia. The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.