

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 6, 2020

The Honorable Jovita Carranza
Administrator
United States Small Business Administration
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Washington, DC 20416

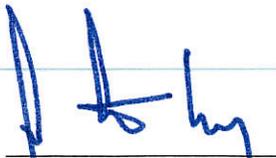
Dear Administrator Carranza:

We write you to respectfully express our concerns with the United States Small Business Administration's (SBA) decision to make the Interim Final Rule, RIN 3245-AG74, effective March 11, 2020, prior to the end of the comment period on April 10, 2020. We believe that a more appropriate course of action would be to defer the Interim Final Rule effective date until October 1, 2020, so that the SBA will have adequate time to review and consider all new comments.

The Interim Final Rule, as currently written, adversely affects many independent, small, family farmers that raise broiler chickens and turkeys across the country. Our constituent farmers deserve to have their voices heard prior to the implementation of a rule that will result in a significant impact on their livelihood. With the current state of the farm economy in mind, we urge the SBA to take the necessary time to consider the significant impacts this rule would have on the sustainability of our small, independent farm operations.

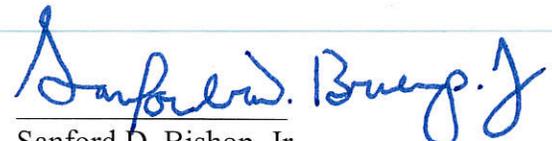
Thank you for your recent testimony to the House Small Business Committee on February 26, 2020. We are appreciative that you expressed your willingness to further evaluate this matter, and we were very encouraged to hear that you recognize farmers are small business owners.

We believe that the timeline for the interim rules effective date and the comment period provided by the SBA merits reevaluation. We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.



Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

Sincerely,



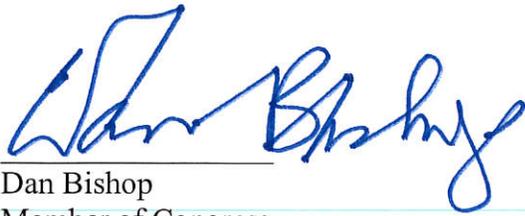
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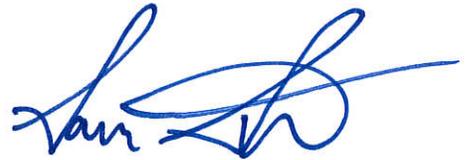
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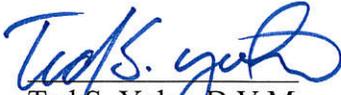
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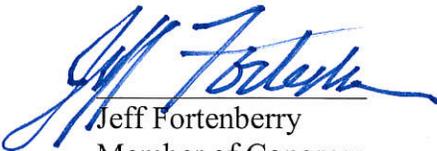
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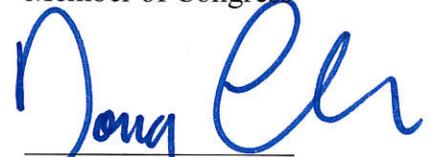
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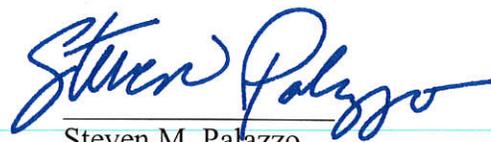
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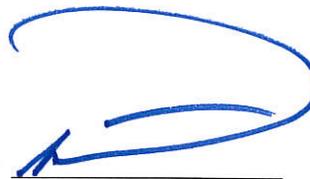
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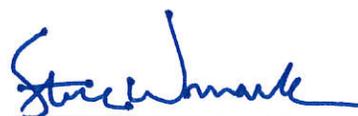
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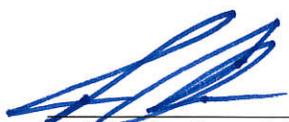
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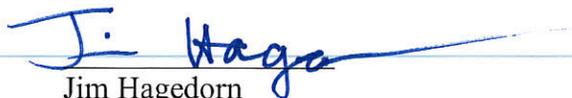
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