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## Dear Mr. Chairman

My name is Keith Hellyer I am the Director of operations at Ozark Shavings LLC. Located in Licking Missouri. I am writing you today to show our support for the proposal that Ken Butcher with NIST has drafted. This proposal includes changes to the method of sale of commodities regulation and the new volumetric test procedures for animal bedding.

I was able to work with Mr. Butcher on two different occasions while he was working through the regulatory issues faced by our industry. We believe that Butchers proposal is fair for industry and the regulatory agencies. This procedure if implemented can establish a consistent standard though out the United States. Testing procedures have been extremly variable and difficult to replicate depending on who is doing the testing. By adopting Butchers and NIST. proposal it will give us all a standard for measurement.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thanks for your time.

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