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MEMORANDUM

To: David Gianino
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From: Justin I. Bell
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Date: December 9, 2019

Subject: Virginia Imported Fire Ant Quarantine for Enforcement of the Virginia Pest Law, 2 VAC 5-315

I have reviewed the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services's proposed Virginia Imported Fire Ant Quarantine for Enforcement of the Virginia Pest Law. In my view, as counsel to the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services, this quarantine may be adopted pursuant to § 3.2-703 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.