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MEMORANDUM

To: JoAnn G. Connell
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From: Justin I. Bell
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Date: September 3, 2021

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 Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services's proposed Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Meat and Poultry Inspection Under the Virginia Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Act, 2 VAC 5□210 as posted to the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. In my view, as counsel to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Commissioner may amend these regulations pursuant to § 3.2-5406 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, this action is exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act pursuant to § 3.2-5406 of the *Code of Virginia*. The regulations and amendments do not appear, on their face, to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with 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.