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The Honorable Michael O. Johanns
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Jamie L. Whitten Building, Rm. 200-A
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Dear Secretary Johanns,

The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board at its March, 2007 meeting in Washington DC, was briefed on the Department's current and future food safety research, extension, education and economic initiatives especially as they relate to human health.

Enclosed for your consideration is a copy of the Advisory Board's report including findings and recommendations based on that briefing and other information. The report is entitled "Food Safety and its Relationship to Human Health". After the Board's study and careful deliberations it is offering several recommendations for advancing food safety research, extension, education and economics by the Department and their impact on several items but with special attention to human health and safety. As always, I remain available to discuss our findings with you at any time. Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Martin A. Massengale
Chair

Enclosures

cc: Deputy Secretary Conner
Under Secretary for REE Buchanan
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