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Dear REE Advisory Board,

I am writing with great concern that the mission of USMARC be continued in an unfettered manner. I am the CEO of a nonprofit beef cattle breeding organization that has been in operation for over 45 years. We currently have over 5,000 members. Our function is to provide education and technology to our membership so they, in turn, can provide genetically superior breeding stock to the US beef cattle industry.

Our organization and I personally have had extensive involvement with numerous USMARC employees over many years. Quite simply said, they are the best there is! It would be an understatement to say that USMARC has been critical in helping us serve our membership. The impact on the beef industry from anything that may alter the USMARC mission would be, in my opinion, catastrophic to the US beef industry and its ability to deliver nutritious protein to the US consumers.

Sincerely,



Wade Shafer