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To Whom It May Concern:

John Morrell & Co. currently harvest approximately 8 to 9 million swine annually at our facilities located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Sioux City, Iowa. Since we are not a vertically intergrated operation, do not raise our own livestock, we purchase swine for producers normally located throughout the mid-western United States.

We require that all of our livestock producers be a member in compliance with the National Pork Board's Pork Quality Assurance Program Level III, a program designed to prevent violative drug residues in pork.

Antibiotics used in the treatment of all livestock, beef, pork, lamb to include poultry are approved by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) before they can be used for specific treatments. The FDA is responsible for regulating medicated animal feeds and most animal health products. It approves the product (drug), sets residue tolerance or action levels in edible tissue and determines how drugs are to be administered in animals. Part of this approval process involves determining safe withdrawal periods required when administering drugs before the animal may be presented for harvesting.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) routinely conducts random residue monitoring to detect tissue residues that exceed maximum levels allowed. In addition to this testing, John Morrell & Co. conducts its own randomly monitoring of producers to verify compliance with FDA regulations.

The use of any hormones in the raising of swine in not permitted per Federal Regulations.

Sincerely,

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John Morrell & Co.