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September 22, 2010

The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

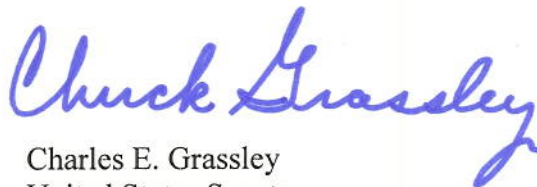
I write today, on behalf of the Iowa Cattleman's Association, regarding the proposed rules published by the Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) on June 22, 2010.

Many uncertainties surround the proposed rule, which could result in both positive and negative effects on independent producers. I believe a sound economic analysis conducted by the Office of the Chief Economist would be appropriate to answer producers concerns about what affect these rules could have on their operations. This analysis will be beneficial to both GIPSA and producers who are reviewing how these rules may change their bottom line.

Please consider conducting a comprehensive economic study of the proposed rule that can be reviewed prior to the closing of the comment period on November 22, 2010.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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