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The Honorable Kay Ivey
Governor of Alabama
600 Dexter Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36104

March 23, 2020

Dear Governor Ivey,

As the full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak remains unknown, the members of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association remain committed to ensure a safe, healthy, and available beef supply for our state and nation. With many instances of grocery store shelves empty of beef in the past week, continuing to maintain a viable beef supply chain is key to feeding Alabamians.

We are writing to ask agriculture industries and their employees be recognized as essential and critical during this difficult time. The Alabama Cattlemen's Association requests that the below business sectors would be included in any executive order or directive which pre-empts any local regulation so that the beef supply chain will not be interrupted during the COVID-19 outbreak.

- All public livestock markets, dealers and brokers of livestock, livestock transporters, and veterinarian services.
- Production cattle operations including, cow-calf, stocker calf, backgrounding, order buyers, and cattle finishing operations.
- Meat processing facilities, feed processing facilities, and farmers markets and other business which sell retail meat and meat food products.
- Feed dealers, fertilizer and seed dealers, feed processing facilities, agriculture retail providers and their related transportation needs.
- Gas, diesel, and petroleum suppliers, producers, and distributors
- Employees who work directly for one of the above entities or who support these entities.

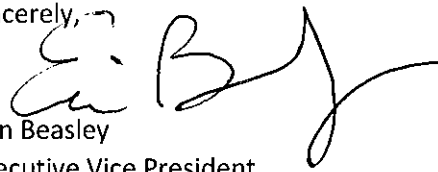
Cattlemen take pride in supplying beef to the American consumer and our commitment to the care of livestock does not waiver during this or any other crisis we face as a nation. An uninterrupted beef supply chain is vital to the response and recovery during the COVID-19 crisis. We ask that neither our industry nor the

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consumers in need of our products become restricted from local or statewide regulations.

We appreciate the steady hand that you and other State leadership has displayed during this historic event. Please let us know if we can provide assistance to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Beasley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Erin Beasley
Executive Vice President