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Bill Ritter, Governor
John R. Stulp, Commissioner

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The Honorable Jim Isgar
200 E. Colfax Ave.
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Dear Senator Isgar:

This past-summer, the Department of Agriculture's Division of Inspection and Consumer Services had four laws undergo Sunset Review by the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). The Department of Agriculture is supportive of DORA's recommendations for each of these laws. The results of these Sunset Reviews are four bills that are sponsored by members of the Senate Agriculture Committee:

- SB 09-113 (Measurement Standards)
- SB 09-114 (Farm Products/Commodity Handlers)
- SB 09-117 (Meat/Food Plan)
- SB 09-127 (Egg)

My staff and I have reviewed the above-listed bills and are supportive of them; however, we would like to make the following comments:

SB 09-113: We made a request of the sponsor, Senator Brophy, to make some additional amendments to this bill, including updates of this law to modernize it to the current national standards. Senator Brophy agreed to carry these amendments which have been drafted, reviewed and approved.

SB 09-114: We support this bill, as currently drafted.

SB 09-117: We made a request of you, as the sponsor of this bill, to separate this act into two parts, one for custom meat processors, and the other for those that sell meat and to make some additional amendments to this bill, at the request of the food plan industry and a technical change in the slaughter section to include poultry. You agreed to carry these amendments which are currently being drafted.

SB 09-127 (Egg Bill): We support this bill, as currently drafted.

Please call (303) 867-9202, or e-mail me (Julie.zimmerman@ag.state.co.us) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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