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Subject: RE: 05.05.20 Pork Indemnity
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During our one on one meetings with leadership in both chambers we have outlined the reality of the circumstances our producers have been facing. We also set up calls with the Congressional delegations of our top states where producers told first hand stories of the decisions they are being forced to make.

We've been using these direct methods to deliver the blunt, hard reality our producers are facing but crafting pragmatic letters to foster a wider, bipartisan base of support.

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Thanks Andrew. I appreciate the efforts but I would respectfully suggest we should be more blunt than that. I don't think Congress fully understands the ramifications of this situation. I would clarify it and make sure they know that we are talking about lost revenue not just costs associated with depop/disposal.

Just my two cents,
Harry

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The letter pushes for indemnity to cover the cost of the animal and then assistance with depopulation and disposal.

I think this sentence towards the ends does a good job outlining the need for compensation to producers even though it still uses the term indemnity.

"Given these significant social and economic consequences, we must prioritize funding in the next coronavirus response package to include indemnifying producers who are depopulating herds due to processing plant closures."

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I have been told that it is indemnity to cover the cost of the animal and assistance with the actual depop and disposal.

Andrew - are we reading this correctly?

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Good point. I got caught up in the "indemnity" language shiny object instead of connecting that to depop and disposal. They do appear to be connected so there is indemnity for depop and disposal. That'll help since the other funds are so limited but that's really not the issue. Right?

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Liz,

Thanks for sharing this. It's good to see that there is some interest within Congress to provide some relief. But, this letter targets assistance for humane euthanasia and disposal. I still question why no one's asking for indemnity for the lost value of the animals? That's where producers are really going to be hurt and why they will be reluctant to euthanize their animals in a timely manner. In my mind, Congress needs a farmer bailout here. If it was good enough for the crooks on Wall Street it ought to be good enough for farmers that did nothing wrong. The letter estimates COVID will contribute to \$5 billion in losses to pork producers this year. That's a drop in the bucket to the \$700+ billion they used to bailout the banks.

Is anybody on the Hill talking about big dollars for farmers?
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The letter can be shared. Also - the reason that it says indemnity instead of compensation is that the letter was drafted early last week before we were told to change the language and the Senators had already started sending it around and didn't want to edit.

Thanks!

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Absolutely, and they extended the deadline until COB today.

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Quick question - can that draft letter (Smith, Grassley, Ernst) be shared?

Thanks!

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Is this sharable?

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This is being circulated in the Senate by Smith (MN), Ernst and Grassley.
Last count it had another 12 or so Senators and I believe will close out on Friday. That along with what Peterson and the Adrian Scott effort in the House are more likely to be successful than anything King does since he doesn't have a committee to run it through.
However, it is all predicated on the House coming back and a COVID package moving forward. I don't think it will move independently.