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**In re: JBS-Cargill pork packing acquisition**

Dear General Baer:

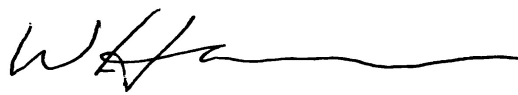
Enclosed please find the white paper *The Anticompetitive Effects of the Proposed JBS-Cargill Pork Packing Acquisition* submitted by Food & Water Watch, Iowa Farmers Union, Missouri Rural Crisis Center, and National Farmers Union. The paper analyzes the competitive implications of the proposed JBS-Cargill merger and concludes that, if approved, the acquisition would create a substantially more concentrated hog slaughter market. Such an increase in concentration would give JBS-Cargill the incentive and ability to exert this increased market power over its rivals and farmers, to the detriment of competition and consumers.

The co-signers to this letter —the American Antitrust Institute, Food & Water Watch, Iowa Farmers Union, Missouri Rural Crisis Center and National Farmers Union — encourage the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division to issue a second request under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. Additional information, analysis, and careful scrutiny are necessary to fully examine the anticompetitive and anti-consumer impacts of the proposed acquisition.

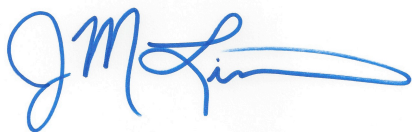
Sincerely,



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