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Board of Agriculture and Conservation 1800 Glenn Hwy, ste 12 Palmer, AK 99645

Dear BAC members:

The Alaska Farm Bureau, with much appreciated cooperation from BAC members, has been working towards finding a long term solution to secure the future of Mt. McKinley Meat & Sausage and allow the facility to reach its full potential.

The best option we see is a private entity leasing the plant, with an option to purchase in the future. This lease option would give the BAC the ability to provide stipulations that protect access of all producers while opening up the plants ability to market and increase value added products.

Included with this letter is a list of ten key points we've identified as important in a lease agreement to protect producer access without causing undue burden on a potential lessee.

Thank you for taking the time to review these recommendations and we look forward to continuing efforts to bring Mt. McKinley Meat & Sausage up to its full potential.

Best Regards,

Bryce Wrigley, President Alaska Farm Bureau

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Recommendations for MMM&S lease agreement

#1 Lessee must maintain USDA compliance and continuance of services being provided for exotic species.

#2 absolute fairness and equality for all Alaska producers.

#3 Cost of services must be provided within a fair market window.

#4 Work with producers and processors to promote Alaskan Grown, by offering enhancement services, and labeling opportunities, for resale of private branding products.

#5 Any stakeholder involved in lease should not be allowed preferential treatment for personal gain of their private business.

#6 Must offer purchase of any and all producers animals for fair market value of that class. Provided animals are merchandisable and ambulatory.

#7 We would suggest, maximum focus be given to quality, assurance of customer product, and consumer confidence, in plant mission. By accepted industry standards.

#8 We would also suggest that every feasible step be taken, to provide future services for value added and/or cooked products.

#9 State of Alaska shall be prohibited from the sale of said property for the term of entire lease period.

#10 We support the conveyance of a ten year lease with a five year review process, and if leaseholder has met provisions satisfactorily, it will be important leaseholder be granted earned renewal. And at the end of the ten year period, option to purchase could be exercised with the pre negotiated purchase price agreed upon at the beginning of said lease. Lease should also include an option for an additional ten years under the earned renewal review process. It should be considered the Alaska Farm Bureau could help or conduct this review, as an independent third party reviewer.