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I am writing on behalf of the Illinois Beef Association (IBA) to support the application submitted by Dr. Varga and Dr. Miller for the NADRP USDA biosecurity grant.

In Illinois, it is imperative that beef producers enhance their understanding of effective biosecurity methods to limit the spread of emerging endemic and foreign animal diseases to protect Illinois' agricultural economy. Understanding and implementing cost effective biosecurity practices and developing effective biosecurity plans are paramount to protect beef farmers during an outbreak.

If funded, IBA is keen to offer support in identifying beef producers willing to participate in this project and will collaborate with the project team to assess beef producers regarding their biosecurity awareness and evaluating their existing biosecurity plans.

We look forward to supporting your group with this biosecurity project. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Johnson".

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