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Administrator Gregory Parham
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
4700 River Road
Unit 118
Riverdale, MD 20737

Dear Administrator Parham,

I am writing in regard to the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) Docket No. 2011-0060, which proposes to allow the importation of fresh citrus from Uruguay into the continental United States.

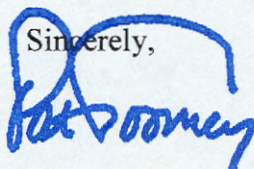
I have been informed that the Port of Philadelphia has been selected as a possible port of entry for this product. Our Philadelphia port has a long and successful track record of processing agricultural products from South America and we welcome this opportunity. Additional business from Uruguay means more commerce and jobs for my constituents.

I understand that APHIS has been in discussions with numerous companies in the Philadelphia region to ensure that this produce can enter safely. Given the positive impact this rulemaking may have on my state, I ask that you keep my office informed as this rulemaking is finalized.

Should you have any questions or if you would like to speak with someone in my office, please do not hesitate to contact my Southeast PA Regional Manager, James Fitzpatrick, at 215-241-1090.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey