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Dear Mr. Hancock:

The Minneapolis Grain Exchange, Inc. ("MGEX" or "Exchange") submits this letter in support of the proposed reinstatement of certain data collection instruments, particularly with respect to the U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Flour Milling Products survey ("Flour Report").

MGEX, as the principal market for trading Hard Red Spring Wheat ("HRSW") derivatives and the location of the world's largest cash trading market for HRSW, encourages the reinstatement of the Flour Report as it provides market participants in the commodities industry with a useful and reliable source of information.

Market participants include farmers, millers, exporters, elevators and end users, as well as the general public. Flour millers and users of flour comprise a large group of market participants active within the MGEX cash and futures markets. The data in the Flour Report, which details how much wheat crop is processed into flour, provides these market participants with vital information for decision making and participating in the MGEX markets. Furthermore, the proposed break out within the Flour Report of wheat classes: hard red winter, hard red spring, soft red winter, white and durum, should further benefit flour millers and users of flour by adding a tool for analysis when considering their hedging needs and strategies. With this valuable data, these market participants will be able to make informed decisions and possibly improve the efficiency of their respective operations. Conversely, without the Flour Report, the marketplace would lack the added transparency of information gathered by an unbiased and respected agency as the USDA.

MGEX supports and encourages the reinstatement and proposed changes to the Flour Report, and appreciates the opportunity to provide this public comment. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 612-321-7161.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Athena R. Elias", is written over the typed name.

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