

January 8, 2024

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Hon. Richard L. Revesz
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Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Salmonella Framework RIN: 0583-AD96

Dear Director Young and Administrator Revesz,

The undersigned groups write to you as members of the Coalition for Poultry Safety Reform regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Salmonella* Framework, RIN: 0583-AD96, which is currently under your review.

We wish to express our shared, ongoing commitment to improving poultry safety to deliver benefits to public health. We are a multistakeholder coalition that includes representatives of consumers, victims of foodborne illness, food safety scientists, current and former food safety officials, and members of the poultry industry. While we represent diverse interests, we all agree on a common set of principles that can serve as a guide to progress on poultry safety reform, which we shared with USDA Secretary Thomas Vilsack in the attached letter we sent him in September of 2021. We remain committed to these principles and hope to work together with Secretary Vilsack to ensure successful poultry safety reform.

In addition to these five principles, we also share a common belief that successful reform efforts require a robust engagement in which feedback from stakeholders is heard and meaningfully incorporated. To that end, we have engaged separately and as a coalition with Under Secretary Dr. Emilio Esteban, Deputy Under Secretary Sandra Eskin, and their staffs to offer input as they worked to develop the proposed rule. We urge you to ensure that FSIS continues to engage proactively with and solicit meaningful input from all stakeholders. Given the need for reform, we believe such constructive dialogue can contribute to a reform effort that will be science-based and data-driven with beneficial public health outcomes. This, in turn, is good for consumers, workable for the poultry industry, and ensures that poultry remains readily available and affordable to all consumers.

We thank you for your role in the rulemaking process and look forward to working further with this Administration to ensure success in our shared goal of reducing *Salmonella* in poultry. We truly believe that continuous and ongoing engagement with all stakeholders will

ensure that the *Salmonella* Framework will be science-based and data -driven, bringing benefits to all stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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