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Via Email

Honorable Elizabeth A. Wolford  
United States District Court  
U.S. Courthouse  
100 State Street  
Rochester, New York 14614

**Re: *Farm Sanctuary et al. v. USDA et al.*, No. 6:19-cv-6910 (W.D.N.Y.)**

Dear Judge Wolford:

On February 10, 2021, the Court rescheduled oral argument on Defendants' motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' first amended complaint for March 17, 2021. *See* ECF No. 40. The Court also ordered Defendants to "provide a letter status update on the progress of the administration's reevaluation of the issues addressed by the Final Rule at issue in this case on or before March 10, 2021." *Id.* Defendants respectfully provide the following update.

The new administration's reevaluation of the issues addressed by the Final Rule at issue in this case is ongoing, and Defendants do not have a date certain as to when the process will be finished. Defendants are therefore prepared to proceed with the oral argument on March 17.

Respectfully,

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