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Secretary Tom Vilsack  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

I am pleased to recommend Errol Rice, a fellow Montanan, to serve on the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade (ATAC). Errol's well-rounded knowledge of the beef industry and firsthand experience as a rancher would provide a distinct and important perspective to the ATAC. His accomplishments are many, and clearly show Errol is the right person for the job.

Errol's understanding of the beef industry serves him well as the Executive Vice President of the Montana Stock Growers Association. He is an advocate for the Montana cattle and beef industry both locally and nationally. He testified on U.S. beef exports before the Senate Finance Subcommittee on International Trade, and routinely lends his expertise while testifying before the Montana Legislature.

Errol can handle cattle just as well as he can explain the intricacies of the beef market. Along with his wife Kelley, he owns and operates a family cattle ranch in Central Montana. His on-the-range experience allows him to directly speak to the safe and high quality beef produced in the United States.

I enthusiastically support Errol for appointment to the ATAC. Please contact my office with any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Max Baucus