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THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman
Committee of Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Baucus:

In April 2008, the United States and Korea concluded a Protocol on Import Health Requirements for U.S. Beef and Beef Products ("Protocol") that applies to trade in beef and beef products from cattle of all ages. Under Article 25 of the Protocol, either government may request consultations with the other government concerning any matter regarding the interpretation or application of the terms of the Protocol. Once the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement ("KORUS") enters into force, and in accordance with Article 25 of the Protocol, the United States will request consultations with Korea with regard to the full application of the Protocol, recognizing that KORUS and the Protocol are separate agreements. Pursuant to Article 25 of the Protocol, those consultations shall be held within seven days of the consultation request.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Ron Kirk