



November 30, 2016

Diane L. Sutton
Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
USDA APHIS Veterinary Services
4700 River Road Unit 43
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Dear Ms. Sutton:

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) is pleased to support the nomination of Dr. Annette Jones, State Veterinarian & Director for the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Animal Health and Food Safety Services (AHFSS), to serve on the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health (SACAH).

NASDA represents the Commissioners, Secretaries, and Directors of the state departments of agriculture in all fifty states and four U.S. territories. One of the highest priorities for the state departments of agriculture is to support strategies, policies, and programs that prevent, control, or eradicate animal diseases.

Including Dr. Jones on the SACAH will ensure the important and diverse perspectives of state regulatory partners and state animal health officials will be incorporated into the SACAH's recommendations. We are supporting Dr. Jones' nomination on the SACAH.

NASDA appreciates your consideration of our recommendation. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara P. Glenn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara P. Glenn, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
NASDA