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The Honorable Gail Schwartz
Chair, Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources,
and Energy Committee
Colorado General Assembly
200 E. Colfax Ave.
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Senator Schwartz,

I respectfully request the Committee's support for the office consolidation request. A few of the expected benefits to be realized are:

- Savings of approximately \$330K General Fund
- Approximately \$60,000 savings for the Brand Division
- Consolidation of operating, administrative, and fleet resources resulting in a more efficient delivery of service to our stakeholders

The Department also submitted to the JBC two budget amendments:

- An increase of \$120,000 cash funds for the next two fiscal years for the Brand Division to expedite the replacement cycle of its existing fleet. Currently, the Division lacks sufficient spending authority to replace the fifteen vehicles that exceed 140,000 miles. CNG vehicles will be procured where possible.
- A request to move 1.0 FTE from the Inspection and Consumer Services Division to the Commissioner's Office. This request is the result of a Lean initiative to move all licensing and permit activities to the eLicense system currently used by DORA. This FTE will oversee this effort in addition to furthering the Department's efficiency objectives.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of these initiatives and thank you for your service to Colorado's agricultural industry.

John T. Salazar
Commissioner