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U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns,

I am writing to you on behalf of an article printed in The Country Today farm paper concerning the animal identification issue.

As a member and bishop of the Old Order Amish Church, I would like to bring to your attention our convictions concerning the system or ID program.

We base our convictions on Revelations Chapter 13, vers 16 + 17 and Chapter 14 vers 9-11. It causes great concern to our people when government suggests using such for animal I.D.

In conclusion I want to express my appreciation in this that we are granted the privelege to live under a government that is willing to listen to the voice of the people.

Sincerely yours,
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