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Attach: union parish study.pdf; Kay_Doby_testimonyHouseAgSubcommitteeCompFBhearing4-17 07FINAL.pdf; Scott Hamilton testimonySenateAgCommCompFBhearing4-18 07FINAL.pdf; Cost of not operating house at capacity.pdf; does flock rank equal grower rank.pdf; lenders share of grower pay.pdf; Production Contract Pay - New Math for Contract Growers.pdf; AALA Materials 20090921 final[1].pdf; Competition Committee Transition Document.pdf

Dear Secretary Vilsack and Attorney General Holder:

Thank you for focusing on the issues that are unique to the poultry industry on May 21, 2010, in Normal, AL. The Rural Advancement Foundation International – USA (RAFI-USA) is a member of the Campaign for Contract Agriculture Reform. I am writing to provide supporting documents for the letter that CCAR submitted on October 12, 2009 and suggestions for panelists for the workshop.

The attached documents will provide information about the challenges contract poultry growers are facing.

- Testimonies of Scott Hamilton before the Senate Agriculture Committee and Kay Doby before the House Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee Livestock, Dairy and Poultry
- Bill Heffernan’s 30 year longitudinal study on Union Parish, Louisiana
- “Cost of Operating a Broiler House Below Capacity” by Mark Jenner
- “Does Flock Rank Equal Grower Rank” by Mark Jenner
- “Understanding the Lender’s Share of Grower Contract Pay” by Mark Jenner
- “Production Contract Pay: ‘New Math’ for Contract Growers” by Mark Jenner
- “Issues in Litigation on Behalf of Poultry and Livestock Producers under the Packers and Stockyards Act as Amended by the 2008 Farm Bill” by Lynn Hayes (presentation that she gave this year at the American Agricultural Law Association)
- A transition document to the Obama Administration on competition and concentration issues

“Assessing the Impact of Integrator Practices on Contract Poultry Growers” by the Farmers Legal Action Group can be found at <http://www.flaginc.org/topics/pubs/poultry/poultryrpt.pdf>

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