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**Re –Nominations to the National Toxicology Program for the Report on Carcinogens and Office and Office of Health Assessment and Translation; Request for information; 81 Fed. Reg. 62513, (Sept. 9, 2016).**

Dear Drs. Lunn and Boyd:

The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) appreciates the opportunity to recommend qualified scientists to assist the National Toxicology Program in its evaluation of the potential carcinogenicity of red, processed, and high-temperature cooked meat products. NPPC conducts public-policy outreach on behalf of its 43 affiliated state pork association

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members. American pork producers are aware of the importance of this issue—indeed, through their contributions to the National Pork Board, they have supported peer-reviewed, published research into this topic that has contributed greatly to scientific understanding of the purported link between certain meat products and cancer. It is our sincere hope that the National Toxicology Program considers this body of work which will be submitted as comment by the National Pork Board.

NPPC recommends that the National Toxicology Program draw heavily upon the expertise of Frederick A. Beland, Ph.D. (Division of Biochemical Toxicology, National Center for Toxicological Research, United States Food and Drug Administration) and David M. Klurfeld, Ph.D. (Nutrition, Food Safety and Quality Program, Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture) in its evaluation of red, processed, and high-temperature cooked meat products. In addition to their extensive published bodies of work relevant to this evaluation, Drs. Beland and Klurfeld offer the significant benefit of having served as members of the expert panel convened by the International Agency for Research on Cancer to evaluate red and processed meats. This experience will be of considerable value to the National Toxicology Program.

Thank you for considering these recommendations. Please do not hesitate to contact NPPC if we can be of any further assistance in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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