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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) greatly value our partnerships with Tribal Nations and communities. Earlier this year, we wrote to inform you of a public review and comment period for an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) regarding whether to establish regulations for the movement of certain animals modified or developed using genetic engineering.

As we further contemplate a rulemaking, we want to hear from your Tribe and invite your thoughts, concerns, and questions. We invite you and members of your staff to participate in an Animal Biotechnology Listening Session on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 1:00 pm EST. During this call, APHIS and FSIS will provide a brief overview of the contemplated regulatory framework and answer any questions you may have.

The *Federal Register* notice for the ANPR can be accessed here:

[\*ANPR Federal Register Notice\*](#)

We have also attached a PDF copy of the ANPR to the same email to which this letter was attached.

For further information, please contact the Tribal Liaison for APHIS' Biotechnology Regulatory Services, Bill Doley, at 301-851-3937 or by email at [william.p.doley@usda.gov](mailto:william.p.doley@usda.gov).

APHIS and FSIS look forward to discussing the ANPR with you. Details on the Listening Session are below. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you very much.

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**Biotech Animal Listening Session**

**December 13, 2021, 1:00 pm EST**

**Meeting ID: 161 297 1484**

**Join through the Web:**

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