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SOURCE: **COMMITTEE ON SWINE**

SUBJECT MATTER: **Market Haul Sanitation - Updating and Expanding Livestock Truck Wash Facilities in the United States**.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association requests that the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services and the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program Consultation Board prioritize educational, policy, and funding opportunities, in cooperation with state and pork industry partners, to streamline and expedite investments in the construction, modernization, equipping, and expansion of livestock truck wash facilities throughout the United States.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Livestock trailers returning to farm sites from terminal points of concentration, including slaughter facilities, buying stations, and cull markets, that have not been cleaned and disinfected represent a primary and well-understood risk factor for the indirect recirculation, amplification, and broad distribution of disease-causing agents among United States (US) swine.

The lack of capable, appropriately equipped, and strategically located livestock truck wash facilities specifically designed to support the market-haul segment of the US pork supply chain arguably represents one of the most significant domestic foreign animal disease preparedness vulnerabilities facing the US pork industry. Such infrastructure deficits are also well-recognized contributors to recurring, high-consequence swine health challenges currently affecting US swine.

Substantive investments in constructing, updating, expanding, and equipping modern livestock truck wash facilities are needed to address this well-understood, industry-level vulnerability. Modernizing our nation’s livestock truck wash infrastructure would provide a foundational component for improving the long-term health of US swine and strengthening the resilience and competitiveness of the US pork industry.

The global foreign animal disease landscape and high-consequence endemic viral diseases affecting the health of US swine have continued to evolve significantly. Corresponding industry-level improvements in livestock truck wash infrastructure and biosecurity practices associated with the market-haul transportation of swine are needed to address these evolving risks.