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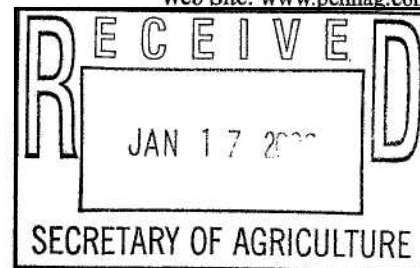
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The Honorable Dennis C. Wolff
Secretary, PA Department of Agriculture
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Dear Secretary Wolff:

On behalf of the PennAg Industries Association Board of Directors I want to thank you for attending the meeting of the board that was held on January 11, 2006 in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Building.

Your willingness to attend this meeting on very short notice to respond to PennAg's concerns, expressed in our letter to you dated January 10 about the proposed rulemaking to implement Act 49, is very much appreciated.

We also appreciate the Department's decision to extend the public comment period on the proposed rulemaking for an additional 30 days. This extension will provide additional time for us to be as specific as possible in our comments and recommendations for change in the proposed rulemaking. You will receive our comments prior to the new deadline date.

In addition, we were pleased to hear that the Department will consider providing an opportunity for those seeking Level 1 Hauler certification to not only be able to use a workbook for their education but also to have the examination administered by a Level 3 Hauler or Level 1 or 2 Broker at their place of business. Since Level 2 Haulers have similar educational requirements we encourage the Department to adopt the same approach for the Level 2 Hauler.

We extend an offer to the Department staff, which will be reviewing the public comments and developing the final regulations, to consult with and receive input from the regulated industry in designing the final regulations. By doing so we can work together to insure that the requirements of Act 49 are met while minimizing the burden on an already beleaguered agricultural industry.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Walt Peechatka
Executive Vice President

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for Pennsylvania Agribusiness to grow and prosper.

