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October 9, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 417-19

Dear Madam Speaker:

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The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

One certified copy of Resolution No. 417-19 (File No. 190954)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: <u>board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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Unsigned

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Date Approved

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The Honorable Kamala D. Harris United States Senator 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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10/4/2019

**Date Approved** 

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter of Board Rule 2.14.2.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

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October 9, 2019

United States Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20250

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 417-19

Dear Sir / Madam:

On September 24, 2019, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 417-19 (Condemning the United States Department of Agriculture's Proposed Rule Change that Threatens Food Security), which was enacted on October 4, 2019.

The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

• One certified copy of Resolution No. 417-19 (File No. 190954)

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Sincerely,

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9/24/2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

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