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RE: The State of Sustainable Meat Processing – What laws and policies make a difference? –
SARE Research and Education Grant Proposal

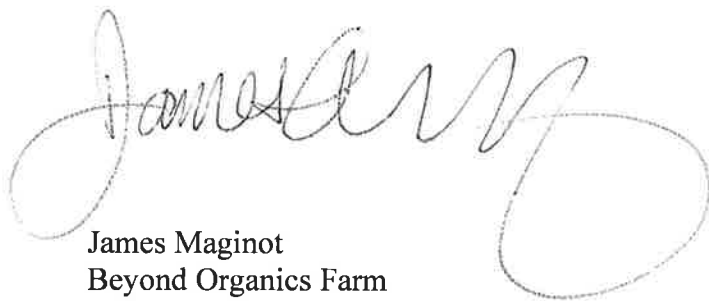
To Whom it May Concern:

My name is James Maginot and I own and operate Beyond Organics Farm. We are a small, diversified, family operation raising grass fed beef, pastured poultry, and organic vegetables on 120 acres in Washington County, Arkansas. We have a vested interest in access to, and development of, small meat processing outfits in the four state area, as we have personally experienced the numerous roadblocks outlined in this narrative.

There is a significant need for this research in our state because access to processing is a major barrier to the expansion of our farm operation. We also would utilize the educational resources in this project and believe the mapping of processors in our area will assist us in finding the best possible processing access for our farm operation.

We commit to participating in and supporting the 2024 application to Southern SARE Research and Education Grant Proposal entitled “The state of sustainable meat processing – What laws and policies make a difference.” We commit to actively participating in this three-year project from April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2027. We will support the project in any manner in which we can. We believe our experience with sustainable livestock production will contribute significantly to this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'James Maginot', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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