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RE: Humane Handling Educational Resources for Farmers, Ranchers, and Small Processors  
Southern SARE Education Grant Proposal

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for this proposed project. I am a veterinarian who was taught processing regulations, including humane animal handling and treatment. I've also been a partner in a grassfed/finished meat operation for over 20 years. We have a list of criteria we follow when choosing a meat processor and humane handling is at the top of the list. It's also something that I teach about in presentations to other livestock producers who are interested in direct marketing their meats.

There is a significant need for these educational resources because most livestock producers do not have any knowledge of the requirements processors have to follow in order to run their business. Labor is a major hurdle for most, if not all, small processors and having educational materials that are clear cut and easy to understand will save them countless hours of creating their own resources, which may lack important points.

I commit to participating in and supporting the 2023 application to the Southern SARE Education Grant entitled "Humane Handling Educational Resources for Farmers, Ranchers, and Small Processors." I commit to actively participating in this two-year project from April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2025. I will support the project by reviewing all project materials and participating in the webinar, and assisting with the farmer guide drafting as needed. My experience with sustainable grassfed and grassfinished livestock production and educational presentations to other livestock producers will contribute significantly to this project.

Sincerely,

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