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Office of the Assistant Attorney General

*Washington, D.C. 20530*

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The Honorable Bruce Braley  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Braley:

This responds to your letters dated May 15, 2008, and June 3, 2008, to the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, regarding investigations related to the worksite enforcement action at Agriprocessors, Inc., in Postville, Iowa.

Because of legal and ethical considerations, we cannot discuss the status of pending matters, other than facts on the public record. We can confirm that the investigation that led to the recent convictions of 297 defendants detained at Agriprocessors, Inc., on May 12, 2008, is continuing. We can also confirm that the Department of Justice is coordinating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the United States Department of Labor. In addition, the Iowa Department of Labor was contacted prior to the May 12 action.

We appreciate your interest in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we can be of assistance in other matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith B. Nelson".

Keith B. Nelson  
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General