



September 21, 2017

The Honorable President Tsai Ing-wen
Office of the President Republic of China (Taiwan)

Dear President Tsai,

The Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) thank you for a healthy trade relationship between your consumer marketplace and our cattle ranchers.

MSGA represents over two thousand ranchers in what is the seventh largest cow-calf producing state in the U.S. Montana is proud to raise some of the most sought-after beef and cattle genetics in the world today.

It is critical to MSGA and the entire U.S. beef industry that our trade relationship with Taiwan meets World Organization of Animal Health Guidelines (OIE). OIE's sound scientific protocols lend clearance for the U.S. to export beef and beef byproducts of all ages and types throughout the world. Taiwan's trade officials should recognize these guidelines, and we look forward to evolving the number of beef products to Taiwan.

The U.S. beef supply is the safest, most regulated and revered in the entire world. MSGA is extremely proud of all that has been done in the U.S. to keep beef safe. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to our beef, which ensures that Montana's cow-calf producers remain profitable and competitive in today's global market.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Errol Rice", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Errol D. Rice, Executive Vice President
Montana Stockgrowers Association, Inc.