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Dr. Shane Burgess, VP and Dean University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences PO Box 210036 Tucson, Arizona 85721

Dear Dean Burgess:

On behalf of the Southern Arizona Cattlemen's Protective Association, I would like to express my support for the work of Dr. Samuel Garcia in Arizona. We represent cattle producers in Pima, Santa Cruz, and Pinal counties.

Sam has demonstrated dedication and service to the livestock industry in Arizona as well as to our youth. He has made the U of A Food Product and Safety Laboratory a great teaching tool and research demonstration facility for livestock producers in Arizona. By revamping the Meat Store, he has brought visibility and awareness to the U of A. In addition, he seems to be running the facility at a profit. He continually develops industry relationships and furthers the mission of the Land Grant University. Many small producers have been aided by Dr. Garcia's advice and expertise. In addition, many of our producers utilize the services of the Food Product and Safety Laboratory for personal consumption or retail meat sales.

Sam has always been available to help our young people. He has officiated many carcass contests in Arizona and taught many of our sons and daughters in college. Many of us have hosted Dr. Garcia's classes on our ranches and operations and have appreciated the extra effort put forth to introduce students to the livestock industry in Arizona.

For these and many more reasons, I believe that Dr. Garcia is an important part of the Arizona agricultural fabric. If I can provide further information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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