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Dear Dr. Zaluski:

Thank you for your letter to Dr. Robert Redfield with a copy to me, requesting the removal of *Brucella abortus*, *B. melitensis*, and *B. suis* from the regulated select agent list. I am responding on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As you may know, the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (the Bioterrorism Response Act) requires CDC to review and republish the select agent list on a biennial basis. We have already begun that review. As part of our review, we plan to publish an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) in the *Federal Register* asking for public input, including whether any of the current select agents should be removed from the list. I encourage you and the U.S. Animal Health Association to submit comments in response to the ANPRM.

Thank you, again, for your letter. If you have any questions or additional concerns, please contact me at (404) 718-2001 or SEdwin@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samuel S. Edwin".

Samuel S. Edwin, Ph.D.
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