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YES to Protecting America's Dinner Table

When it comes to conducting research to protect the American food supply and agriculture economy, this is no time to bury our heads in the sand.

Instead, it is time to say YES to urgently needed modern research and a \$451-million state-of-the-art federal research lab focused on developing medicines and vaccines to safeguard our livestock.

- **The National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) will be safe and secure, using stringent biosafety procedures and the best biocontainment technology available.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been safely conducting disease research for decades in highly populated Atlanta, Georgia.
- **The NBAF is being planned thoroughly and with scientific rigor, with oversight and funding by Congress.** In fact, the NBAF planning process has been underway for several years, with extensive and in-depth information provided to the public throughout, and with many opportunities for community input and questions.
- **State and local governments have been well integrated into the site selection process,** as have thousands of interested citizens around Kansas since early 2006.
- **Foreign animal diseases are a real and growing threat to agriculture, so we cannot delay in developing new vaccines and therapeutics.** The threat is not in research, but in a lack of research — or research that does not make full use of the best expertise and infrastructure available.
- **The NBAF will provide a tightly regulated 21st century lab where the nation's animal-health research can be consolidated and accelerated,** ensuring that our research efforts are as coordinated, concentrated, and successful as possible.

The truth is that Kansas has been selected as one of six finalists for this research facility because we have the expertise and infrastructure to protect America's dinner table. With our deep agricultural heritage, Kansas is uniquely positioned to fulfill this urgent mission — on the merits.

For more facts about the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility and why the NBAF belongs in Kansas, visit us at www.nbafinkansas.org.

