## **Template for Comments on Federal Register Number on review of Select Agents by USDA & CDC**

I am submitting comments on the Select Agent status of *Brucella abortus.* I support the removal of *B. abortus*, *B. suis*, and *B. melitensis* from the select agent list.

My background and connection to this issue is: *(A short paragraph on your personal background and operation, including location, or for non-livestock producers, describe your interest in the management of brucellosis.)*

This issue impacts me: *(Describe the impact to your operation such as increased regulations, cost associated with working cattle for disease surveillance, impact of quarantine, requirement to brucellosis vaccinate cattle, tolerance for wildlife etc.)*

Any other reasons for delisting: *(some examples)*

* *Brucellosis is not a good terrorist weapon because of effective testing, and readily available, inexpensive, and effective treatment*
* *Current restrictions are having the opposite effect than intended:*
  + *Existing restrictions make it nearly impossible to develop additional tools to respond to an unlikely attack*
  + *The range of wildlife with brucellosis is expanding, and therefore, brucella is becoming more abundant.*

I support the delisting of Brucella spp. from the Select Agent List so that effective research can be conducted towards the development of improved vaccination, diagnostics, and other management options.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

*name*