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**RE: USDA, APHIS [Docket No. 03-040-1]: Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases; Notice of Solicitation for Membership [Federal Register: August 11, 2003 (Volume 68, Number 154)] [Notices] [Page 47536]**

Dear Mr. Anelli,

The Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) represents over 8,500 livestock and poultry scientists who are members of the American Dairy Science Association, the American Society of Animal Science and the Poultry Science Association. FASS seeks to advance agricultural animal science by broadening the effective understanding and exchange of scientific information.

**The Federation of Animal Science Societies is pleased to nominate Dr. Robert A. Norton, Jr. to the USDA Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases.**

Dr. Norton, Associate Professor, Poultry Science Department at Auburn University, is an agricultural animal scientist with specific expertise in poultry microbiology, poultry diseases, antimicrobial use, and poultry production. Dr. Norton is a nationally recognized expert in agricultural biosecurity, particularly in foreign animal disease. He has been sought as an expert by poultry production companies, pharmaceutical, chemical and feed companies and food production companies. He has been an advisory consultant to many federal departments including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Dr. Norton is a member of the FASS Scientific Advisory Committee on Food Safety, Animal Drugs and Animal Health.

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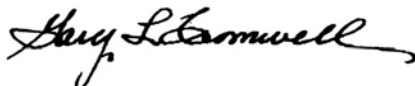
Dr. Norton would be an excellent member of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases.

Enclosed is Dr. Norton's curriculum vitae and list of publications. His current business contact information appears below:

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Thank you for the opportunity to support the nomination of Dr. Robert Norton. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us at (301) 634-7875 or [fassosl@faseb.org](mailto:fassosl@faseb.org).

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