

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

3 RANCHERS-CATTLEMEN ACTION *

4 LEGAL FUND, UNITED *

5 STOCKGROWERS OF AMERICA, *

6 Plaintiff, *

7 vs. * Case No. 20-CV-2552

8 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF * (RDM)

9 AGRICULTURE, and THOMAS J. *

10 VILSACK, in his official *

11 capacity as Secretary of the *

12 United States Department *

13 of Agriculture, *

14 Defendants *

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17 The Zoom Videoconference Deposition of
18 DAVID WRIGHT was held on Thursday, February 23, 2023,
19 at 11:10 a.m., at a remote location, before Susan A.
20 Kambouris, Notary Public.

21 Job No. CS5771489

22 REPORTED BY: Susan A. Kambouris (Via Zoom)

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I have watched them stand in line to buy U.S. Beef from a foreign country, but we can't sell it, U.S. Beef here, because we don't want them to know, but if we go across the water to a different country, it sells. I am sorry about that. It sells. People can find the value of it. They see it. But, here, we are not allowed to show you the value.

Q Why are we not allowed to show people the value?

A Because when we -- the checkoff does one thing, and one thing only, it advertises, and promotes generic beef. We are forced by law to pay into the program by law. We are forced to pay into it to promote generic beef.

Q You hadn't mentioned the "Checkoff" before, is that right?

A Yes, I did. I said I was on the Checkoff. I was on the Nebraska Beef Council for 8 years and Cattlemen's Beef Board for 6. I spent 14 years on the