

DATE: 4-15-14

TO: AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Past Presidents and Directors of the American Angus Association and Past President of NCBA

RE: Support of AAA Board Majority Decisions

The undersigned past presidents and directors of the American Angus

Association and Association member and past president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association wish to convey our support of the recent actions approved by a majority of the members of the AAA Board of Directors. These actions were taken only after extensive interviews and fact finding efforts in satisfaction of the Board members' Duty of Care.

We understand that you have recently received a letter from other past presidents of this Association criticizing your decisions and making unsubstantiated claims of atrocities being experienced within the association and its membership. They attribute these alleged conditions to your decisions and characterize your actions as "arbitrary and capricious." We believe that nothing could be further from the truth! We have confidence that you have thoroughly investigated and analyzed all facets of the issues at hand and that your decisions have been made only after gathering the best information available. We urge you to continue with your decision making process and do not relent to the wishes of those who would have your decisions be based on anything less.

We believe that your decisions, as the duly elected representatives of the membership (including past officers), deserve the support and respect of all persons and members who have the best interests of the Association at heart. We encourage the Board to stand behind its majority decisions and give your decisions time to have a positive effect upon the Association and its members.

Thank you for your service, your integrity and your attention to detail during these turbulent times. We believe that our Association will emerge from this conflict stronger than ever if you stay the course.

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Leo Baker
Jay King
Rob Thomas

Paul Hill
Jim Rentz
Jot Hartley
Henry Bergfeld
Bill Wilson
Robert Schultz
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