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Missouri Cattlemen's Association  
6235 W. Cunningham Drive  
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Dear Missouri Cattlemen's Association & Members:

As the State of Missouri, its residents, and its businesses continue to deal with and fight back against COVID-19, the Missouri Attorney General's Office understands and appreciates the sacrifices made and dedication exhibited every single day by Missouri's beef producers.

While most in the state are at home staying safe in the company of family and friends, your members are working longer, harder hours to ensure that the essential products that Missouri cattlemen provide remain available and that Missourians are able to access the products they need to make it through this pandemic.

The dedication that Missouri's cattlemen have shown in the past several weeks is a shining light in darker days.

While a constant goal of the Missouri Attorney General's Office is protecting Missourians from bad actors in the marketplace, it has become one of our top priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic. These protections from bad actors also extend to Missouri cattlemen during this crisis. The Missouri Attorney General's Office remains committed to eliminating any hurdles and road blocks you may be facing from unscrupulous actors who are making your service to the public more difficult. For instance, there have already been countless reports of "price gouging" and financial scams targeting certain populations throughout our state by bad actors trying to profit off of the uncertainty and stress we're all feeling. Our Consumer Protection division is working vigilantly to root-out and take action against these bad actors. If you encounter or observe any such activities making your job more difficult or taking advantage of those in your profession, please reach out to my office either by filing a complaint at [ago.mo.gov](http://ago.mo.gov) or by calling the Consumer Protection Hotline at 800-392-8222.

Additionally, if there are regulations or other roadblocks that are hindering your efforts in fighting COVID-19 in Missouri, please let us know. We want to help in any way possible, and will do what we can to eliminate these roadblocks and get you back working on the frontlines. Please send an email to [cutredtape@ago.mo.gov](mailto:cutredtape@ago.mo.gov) to report these regulations or roadblocks.

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Finally, please know that the Missouri Attorney General's Office is fully behind you and supports you in this battle against COVID-19. I encourage you to reach out to my office if there is anything we can do to further assist you as you continue providing for the needs of six million Missourians. I want to again thank you for your dedication, service, and sacrifice to serve the people of this great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric S. Schmitt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Eric S. Schmitt  
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