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Dear Mr. Jones,

This letter is in response to the Commission's preliminary review of the American Meat Institute's Amended Year End Report for 2007.

Due to a decision to move forward with an internal audit of the AMI-PAC, amendments were made to previous reports including the first half of January 2007 to the latest Q2, 2008 report. These amendments were deemed necessary to accurately reflect the correct totals for the beginning and ending cash on hand, which included disclosing additional disbursements not mentioned in the original FEC reports. Due to incompatibility issues with PAC software, during the initial search of expenditures for the 2007 FEC report, AMI-PAC overlooked \$25,000.00 in additional disbursements. The mentioned disbursements were recently disclosed (see AMI response letter to FEC and amended FEC reports for 2007 filed on 9/12/2008) in an amendment filing of the 2007 FEC reports.

Corrections have been made to procedures to prevent this outcome in prospective filings. Additionally, we are evaluating third party software to improve compatibility with FECfile and provide the highest assurance of accuracy.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention and providing your counsel. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Brown
Senior Vice President, Legislative Affairs