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Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 30 September 2022 in which you share your concerns on the livestock references included in the scoping paper of the recent mandate given to the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors to develop a scientific opinion “Towards Sustainable Food Consumption”.

Making food systems sustainable is one of the main priorities for both the European Union and a growing number of countries worldwide. The Farm to Fork Strategy proposes ambitious measures to promote sustainable food consumption and to facilitate the shift to healthy and sustainable diets. In this context, the contribution of all actors of the food system is needed. We believe that the livestock sector can be a key driver for sustainable development in agriculture and has therefore an important role to play.

It is clear that further research, analysis and expert advice is needed to deepen our understanding on the best way to create a food environment that fosters healthy and sustainable consumption choices and habits.

The Group of Chief Scientific Advisors (GCSA) is mandated to develop the scientific opinion taking into account all perspectives on this challenge. The scoping paper mentions trade-offs and synergies, aiming at providing a nuanced picture of the issue at stake.

In the process of developing the scientific opinion the full breadth of scientific evidence will be taken into consideration. The GCSA will take a systemic view, also considering trade-offs and synergies. To ensure that the opinion is the most objective as possible, the process will include a sounding board meeting with independent experts and a stakeholder meeting where the livestock sector will be invited to participate. Further information on this will be communicated by the SAM Secretariat in the Commission’s Research and Innovation department.

Yours faithfully,

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