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The Council of Agriculture  
Hon. Chi Hung Tsao  
Minister, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan  
37 Nanhai Road, Taipei, 10014  
Taiwan, R. O. C.

Mr. Tsao,

On behalf of Illinois' 43,000 soybean farmers, I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide high-quality Illinois soybeans, meal and oil to Taiwan. We're committed to delivering a dependable, sustainably raised crop to fulfill your needs.

Illinois soybean farmers are reliable, productive partners for Taiwan. Our state is one of the top soybean-producing states in the United States and grows more non-GMO soybeans than any other state.

We know biotechnology is important to you. Global research confirms GMO soybeans are safe. But we make choices based on your demands, growing both GMO and non-GMO soybeans.

Illinois soybean farmers are committed to understanding your needs. In recent years, directors and staff from the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) have traveled twice to Taiwan – one of the top three export markets for Illinois soy – to better understand the containerized market, along with the needs of crush plants, importers, processors and marketers.

Finally, Illinois is uniquely situated to move soybeans to Taiwan efficiently and economically. Illinois soybean farmers have prime access to 1,100 miles of navigable waterways, 7,000 miles of major rail lines and vast interstate highways.

We are proud of our success thus far, and we appreciate the continued opportunities, working alongside our Taiwanese partners, to fulfill the growing food and feed needs in Taiwan.

Sincerely,

Daryl Cates  
Chairman  
Illinois Soybean Association

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) checkoff and membership programs represent more than 43,000 soybean farmers in Illinois. The checkoff funds market development, soybean production and profitability research, issues analysis, communications and education. Membership and advocacy efforts support Illinois soybean farmer interests in local areas, Springfield and Washington, D.C. ISA programs are designed to ensure Illinois soy is the highest quality, most dependable, sustainable and competitive in the global marketplace. For more information, visit the website [www.ilsoy.org](http://www.ilsoy.org).