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Titus Awokuse

Chair, Department of Food and Resource Economics

Dear Titus:

This letter is my response to your proposed name change from the Department of Food and Resource Economics to the Department of Applied Economics and Statistics. It follows and summarizes our open forum discussion between you and interested faculty from the Department of Economics.

We appreciate and accept the many reasons for the proposed name change. Absent the statistics unit in your department, we would prefer a name that was more focused on resource and agricultural economics, but we recognize the need to include statistics in the department name and the need for a parsimonious title. With those considerations in mind, we raise no objection to the department name change.

As discussed, we would object to any other changes that would blur the differences between our units, including changes to undergraduate majors or graduate programs or offering of courses that directly compete with ours. You have assured us that no such changes are planned.

Our two departments have worked together very constructively in the past decade and we look forward to continuing that relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Saul D. Hoffman'.

Saul D. Hoffman  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Economics