March 25, 2015

Dear Dr. Lewis,

The American Goat Federation appreciates the opportunity to support the above proposal for research to help determine appropriate mineral requirements for copper, zinc and selenium for goats. This work is extremely important to the goat industry, as currently no scientific data exists to identify the levels needed for proper development and sustainability of meat, dairy or fiber goats. We believe this area of research has not been addressed adequately in the past and that breeders seriously need this guidance in order to produce healthy and productive goats. Goats are a fast growing segment of the livestock industry, and this proposal has the potential to be of tremendous impact.

We strongly support this work and hope you will act favorably to assist this project. We are also pleased to see the multi-institutional collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tom Boyer
President, American Goat Federation