Steve Troxler
Commissioner

North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
Meat and Poultry Inspection Division

Dr. Beth Yongue
State Director

April 12, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Charles Alexander
Appalachian Vintner
745 Biltmore Avenue, Suite 121
Asheville, North Carolina 28803

NOTICE OF WARNING

We have an investigative Case Report showing that you violated the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law. This reported violation was discussed with you on March 4, 2019. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded packages of meat products (andouille sausage, chorizo sausage, beef steaks, bratwurst, breakfast sausage and Italian sausage) to the general public, that were produced without the benefit of State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) inspection. In a signed statement dated March 4, 2019, you stated that you stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded meat products to the general public.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected meat products and the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected poultry products is a violation of North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) §106-549.23 and §106-549.56 with civil and/or criminal penalties. Please be advised that you will not receive any further warning with regard to this violation. If you should continue to sell misbranded and/or non-inspected meat and poultry products, we will pursue legal action against you to invoke the penalties associated with these continued violations. I certainly hope this expensive action will not be necessary. An officer from this department will visit you periodically to verify compliance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Beth Yongue

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cc: Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Tina Hlabse, General Counsel
Mr. Chris McLennan, Assistant Attorney General