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**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mrs. Joanna Reule  
Brave Bone Broth  
3722 Monroe Road  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28205

**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 July 24, 2019. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, transported, offered for sale and sold/wholesaled misbranded meat products (bone broth) to a retail store (3 French Hens, 4219-1 Providence Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211) for the sole purpose of resale to the general public, that was produced without the benefit of State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) inspection. In a signed statement dated July 24, 2019, you stated that you processed, stored, transported, offered for sale and sold/wholesaled misbranded meat products to a retail store for the sole purpose of resale to the general public for approximately six (6) months.

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  
State Director

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