



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
CHARLESTON 25305

GUS R. DOUGLASS  
COMMISSIONER

March 15, 1984

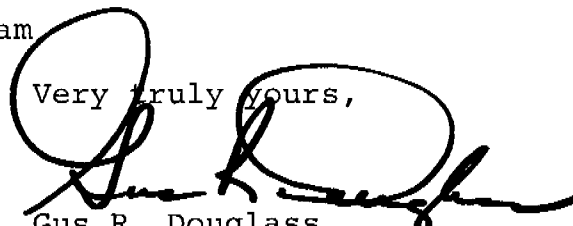
The Honorable A. James Manchin  
Secretary of State  
Capitol Building  
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Secretary Manchin:

I am enclosing a copy of my ruling on the request to relax restrictions governing the sale of rabies vaccine in West Virginia. The public hearing was held on February 7. The ruling should probably be printed in the State Register.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Gus R. Douglass  
Agriculture Commissioner

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Enclosure

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF  
A. JAMES MANCHIN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

THIS DATE March 15, 1984  
Administrative Law Division



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March 14, 1984

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On February 7, 1984, I caused a public hearing to be held at the Guthrie Agricultural Center to consider whether the restrictions on the distribution and use of killed rabies vaccine, presently in force in West Virginia, should be relaxed to allow other than licensed veterinarians to use the material. The hearing was called in response to a request for a relaxation of the requirements by a veterinarian medicine distributor in West Virginia.

The hearing was called in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 29-A of the Code of West Virginia and everyone present who wished to be heard was heard. I further held the file open to March 1, 1984, for the receipt of any additional testimony or remarks that anyone might wish to make.

I have now reviewed the transcript of the hearing and the numerous additional comments that have been received and I find that the preponderance of evidence submitted indicates that the Public Health of the citizens of this State could be adversely affected if the regulations were to be relaxed. Therefore, the regulations presently in force in regard to the sale of rabies vaccine in West Virginia will remain in force.

Done in Charleston, West Virginia, this, the 14th day of March, 1984.

Gus R. Douglass  
Agriculture Commissioner

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