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Dear NOSB

My husband and I are organic egg farmers and our livelyhood is extremely important to maintain our family farm for ourselves and our four young children. Maintaining necessarry nutritional ingredients in our organic hens' feed is Key to our egg production. Methionine is an essential amino acid that is all important to maintaining our chicken's growth, health & egg size. There is nothing that can be substituted for the methionine in our feed at this point. Please do not hinder the good farming practices of organic farming by making it impossible. Please allow us to continue to use Methionine until an equally nutritional alternative can be found.

Very Sincerely

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