Maryland Department of Agriculture Grain Law Section 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway Annapolis, MD 21401-7080

| RE: Letter of Credit: | _ |
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| Issue Date: | _ |
| Letter of Credit Amount: | |
| Applicant: | |

Address:

| Expiration | Date: | | |
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Dear Beneficiary:

We, _____(name of bank), hereby establish our irrevocable standby letter of credit in favor of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), as beneficiary, placing a hold on funds in Account _____ (account number of licensee/applicant). MDA may draw on these funds in the form of a sight draft, not to exceed, \$_____, when the following conditions are met:

The licensee, ______, has failed to satisfy a grain producer's lawful claim for all grain delivered; (1) The producer has filed suit and a judgment has been docketed in the producer's favor against the licensee over the producer's claim in a court of competent jurisdiction; and the producer has been unsuccessful in collecting the amount of the judgment; or (2) a producer's claim filed in a bankruptcy proceeding against the licensee is unsatisfied after the proceeding is closed.

Therefore, MDA demands payment of USD \$_____ under the (name of bank) Letter of Credit #_____.

Sincerely,

(Name of Bank)

(Witness)

BY:_____ (Authorized Bank Official)

Authorized to honor sight draft on account #_____(account of licensee/applicant) under the terms outlined in this letter.

BY:_____(Licensee/Applicant)

(Witness)