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Dear Deputy Crowe,

Clare IFA are seeking your support in having the recently issued Bovine TB Herd Risk Statement and Report letters from the Department of Agriculture withdrawn.

These letters do not contribute to the eradication of TB but raise very serious data breach concerns for farmers, devalue the animals on our farms by effectively blacklisting farmers, who through no fault of their own have had a TB outbreak and jeopardise our access to export markets.

Clare IFA have set out detailed proposals to the TB Forum and the Department of Agriculture that target the real drivers of TB and reduce the cost burden of the controls on farm families.

These letters must be withdrawn and meaningful discussions entered into with farmers to agree a TB programme that will achieve its objectives of eradication while supporting farmers impacted by the controls.

We invite you to make contact with us to discuss this matter and other farming issues, you may contact me@0872347314.

Yours sincerely,

*Tom Lane
Clare IFA Chairman.*