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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**MARCH 15, 2019
9:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**SENATE BILL NO. 754 SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 754 SD1, which enacts produce safety rules in accordance with the federal Food and Drug Administration Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption. The Department supports this bill.

The Department has been in discussions with the Department of Health, who partners with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inquiring on their interest of performing the FSMA audits on behalf of the FDA. The Department of Health expressed no interest on performing on-farm audits and has no objections to having the Department of Agriculture conducting the audits. We are still awaiting the FDA to offer an agreement/contract and funding with the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

