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### **Local, State, and Federal Leaders Meet to Discuss Response to Tyson Foods Layoffs**

[Perry, Iowa, March 14] – In the wake of the recent announcement of the layoff of nearly 1300 employees at Tyson Foods in Perry, local, state, and federal leaders convened to address the concerns and challenges facing the community, region and state. The meeting was held on Thursday, March 14 at the historic Hotel Pattee and hosted by the Greater Dallas County Development Alliance. In addition to Director Debi Durham of Iowa Economic Development Authority, representatives included:

Iowa Economic Development Authority  
Iowa Workforce Development  
Office of Congressman Zach Nunn  
Greater Dallas County Development Alliance  
City of Perry  
Perry Economic Development  
Perry Community School District  
Perry Chamber of Commerce  
Dallas County Hospital  
Des Moines Area Community College  
Alliant Energy  
Mid American Energy  
Minburn Communications  
Iowa Area Development Group  
Osmundsons Manufacturing  
Progressive Foundry  
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This meeting is the first of what is anticipated to be a weekly discussion to chart a path forward in supporting affected workers and mitigating the impact on the community.

"The closure of Tyson Foods has undoubtedly created uncertainty and will likely create hardship for many individuals and families," said City Administrator, Sven Peterson. "However, in the face of adversity, our community has demonstrated resilience and solidarity. On the heels of the tragedy experienced in January, today's meeting underscored our collective commitment to

finding solutions and providing support to Perry citizens. We implore the executive leadership at Tyson to stick to their word and find a user for their soon to be vacated facility”

During the gathering, participants engaged in constructive dialogue, exchanging insights, and perspectives on the current situation. Local leaders highlighted the importance of community resources and support networks in assisting displaced workers. State and federal representatives emphasized the need for coordinated action and explored potential avenues for additional assistance and relief.

"We understand the profound impact that these layoffs have on individuals, their families, and the overall economic vitality of the community," said Rachel Wacker, Executive Director of The Greater Dallas County Development. "By harnessing our resources and leveraging the support of local, state, and federal leaders, we emerge from this challenging period with resilience and optimism. It is essential to remember we are stronger together."

Moving forward, stakeholders agreed to continue collaborating closely to address immediate needs and develop long-term strategies for economic recovery and job creation. Furthermore, efforts will be made to ensure that affected workers have access to essential services, including job training and application services, healthcare, interpretation services, food security and financial resources.

For more information or to inquire about support services available to affected individuals, please send an email to [info@dallascountyia-ia.org](mailto:info@dallascountyia-ia.org).

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