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Department of Agriculture
Food Safety and Inspection Service
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300 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-3700

Dear Folks:

I understand that another petition has been filed that would allow animals that were imported to be labeled indicating they were produced in the United States. Some such labels would read "U.S.A. Beef" and "Fresh American Beef"

I believe we must have truthful, correct, and honesty in labeling of any and all such products.

This means that animals must be born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the United States of America in order to carry any voluntary or required label. No other discussion needs to take place.

This should apply to any and all animals and products.

I believe that the events since September 11, 2001 shows the importance of having correct, honest and totally truthful labeling on any and all products.

I have been amazed at the advertisements that attempt to encourage consumers to buy items raised and/or built in America. This is great and should be encouraged at all times. When I arrived, I have found that they have been raised and/or built in countries other than the USA. This left me with little or no choice to support this great country fully.

My dad a forty-two (42) month Japanese Prisoner of War survivor, including being a Bataan Death March survivor warned of this type practice. The practice of lowering the USA standard to World standards, a practice he called going soft.

Sincerely,

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