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RE: Docket No. FSIS 2006-0040

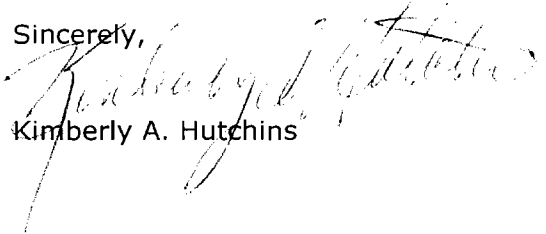
I **OPPOSE** the use of the "natural" label on factory farmed meat products.

"Natural" meat products can come from animals who experience:

- genetic alterations which force fast growth, causing numerous health problems,
- animals packed by the thousands in unnatural, crowded, indoor warehouse-like factories for the duration of their lives,
- animals unable to experience natural outdoor environments or fulfill their basic instincts,
- unnaturally rich diets designed to maximize production and economic profitability,
- the routine use of antibiotics to ward off disease, as well as to increase growth rates,
- the routine administration of growth hormones
- inhibited natural social orders and interaction,
- painful mutilations (de-toeing, de-beaking, de-horning and castration) performed without anesthetics,
- intensive production to maximize profit with no regard for the animals' welfare.

The term "natural" is INAPPROPRIATE and MISLEADING on factory farmed meat products!

Sincerely,

  
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