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Dear Docket Clerk,

I do not agree with the industry's petition that has been submitted to the Agency.

The Agency should not change, remove or allow for any further destruction of the Meat and Poultry Regulations and or other policy changes using the Federal Register unless the policy, change benefit the consumer.

If any changes are made to the Regulations, the changes need to reinforce sound Food Safety Standards that will help our Nation's Food Inspectors perform their daily inspection duties.

What does (FSIS) now stand for, Food Safety and Industry service?

Further, I object to (FSIS) using the Federal Register to appease the industry when the industry submits petitions to the Agency (FSIS).

Will your office print in the Federal Register, new tougher sanitation standards if a petition is submitted and signed by (7) consumers? No, don't ignore the question, I believe an answer is necessary. If (7) is not enough, then I need to know how many signatures will be needed, so I can get the signed petitions gathered from consumers and sent to the Agency.

I am looking forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,



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