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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 and allow for any further destruction of the Meat and Poultry Regulations, and/or other policy changes using the Federal Register unless the policy or change benefits 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. I do not believe the industry is the best source, neither is it appropriate for the Food Safety and Inspection Service, (FSIS) to publish in the Federal Register petitions from industry.

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 deserving. 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,



Cc: Congressman Steve Horn