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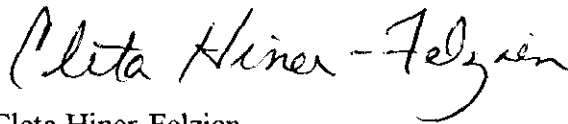
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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to go on the record as opposing the petition that would let animals that have been in the United States for 100 days prior to slaughter as being labelled as USA Beef or Fresh American Beef. The consumers need to be assured if it is labelled as such that it was raised in the USA. With terrorism prominent in the news, I would think that the government would want the consumers to be aware where the meat is coming from that they are eating. I would hate to think that any of my loved ones could be eating meat that was not raised in the USA. We have laws that keep our meat supply safe. Do not eliminate this safety.

This would also be unfair the farmers and ranchers who raise the real American Beef. Besides dropping the market and making some of them go broke, they would get blamed if any one got sick eating foreign beef. The only people who could benefit from this petition would be the packers. Don't sell out the little guy for the big one.

Sincerely



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