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Subject: Opposition to FSIS 9 CFR Part 381 RIN 0583-AC97

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing in opposition to allowing the importation of ratite products from Australia and New Zealand.

I own 4 D ACRES, Inc., an emu products company. My husband, along with myself and our sons, own and operate a diversified farm in which emu, a member of the ratite family, are raised for this product company. Because most traditional farming requires large acreage in order to be successful, we looked to alternative farming. We handle the business "farm to finish" by hatching, raising the birds, arranging for processing, for hides to be tanned and for the sale of meat, fat and feathers.

In order to remain in business I must be able to sell my products at a reasonable price. I cannot compete against foreign farmers that even now undersell American products on the open market. I have struggled to develop a market for my farm products; please do not give my hard work - my farm - to foreign investors.

Sincerely,

Dee A. Martin /s/

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