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Re: Interim/Final Rule on advanced meat recovery systems and measures designed, in part, to prevent human exposure to BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy).

The rule, I believe, doesn't go far enough. It ignores the fact that BSE has been found in animals younger than 30 months old. Taking away certain parts of a cow carcass is a half-measure. The USDA needs to allow meat packers, such as Creekstone Farms Premium Beef in Arkansas City, Kansas, to do blanket testing for mad cow. It's what foreign customers want, and – I believe – if U.S. consumers were more aware of the dangers to their health from BSE-infected cattle, many of them also would want more testing.

Sincerely,

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