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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing in response to the proposed rulemaking regarding the definition and labeling of U.S. cattle and beef products. As a South Dakota producer, consumer who is concerned about what I feed my family. I strongly support the definition of U.S. cattle and beef products for labeling purposes as "BORN,RAISED,and PROCESSED in the United States." All other definitions mislead consumers and damage the integrity of the U.S. cattle industry.

I strongly support a mandatory labeling program with a uniform, consistent definition for domestic origin as BORN, RAISED, and PROCESSED in the United States.

It is my hope that FSIS will implement MEANINGFUL and TRUTHFUL labeling regulations for cattle and beef products.

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