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April 28, 2023

Dear Mr. Faber:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition you submitted on behalf of the Environmental Working Group dated April 27, 2023. The petition requests that FSIS:

- Prohibit the recently approved “Low-Carbon Beef” Claim.
- Require third-party verification for similar carbon claims.
- Require a numerical on-pack carbon disclosure when such claims are made.

Your request is being considered as a petition for policy change under FSIS’ regulations on petitions (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the Office of Policy and Program Development for review and has been assigned petition number 23-04. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be made available to the public in the FSIS docket room and will be posted on the FSIS website at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/petitions>.

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Regulations Development Staff at mary.porretta@usda.gov if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Melissa Hammar", is positioned above the typed name.

Melissa Hammar
Director
Regulations Development Staff