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Mr. Matthew Michael  
Director, Issuances Staff, Office of Policy and Program Development  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Food and Safety Inspection Service  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250-3700

RE: FSIS Petition Number 18-01

Dear Mr. Michael:

I write today on behalf of the Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) and our many members who raise livestock and are impacted by FSIS definitions to express support for petition number 18-01. GFB appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this important discussion, and respectfully requests that FSIS take into consideration the following supportive statements.

- GFB supports a definition of “beef” that is limited to products made from cattle born, raised, and harvested in the traditional manner;
- GFB supports a definition of “meat” that is limited to the tissue or flesh of animals that have been harvested in the traditional manner;
- GFB supports the application of the above definitions to all products that use or might use the designations “beef” or “meat” regardless of country of origin;
- GFB supports the inclusion of the above definitions to the FSIS Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book;
- GFB supports a prohibition on labeling products which are either derived from alternative proteins or grown in a laboratory as “beef” or “meat”.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments, and please feel free to contact GFB’s Public Policy Department with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald Long".

Gerald Long  
President  
Georgia Farm Bureau