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Dear Ms. Biondo and Ms. Drake:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition you submitted on behalf of the United States Cattlemen's Association, dated October 23, 2019. The petition requests that FSIS revise its Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book to limit the use of certain voluntary labeling claims, such as "Made in USA," "Product of USA," and "USA Beef," to meat products derived from cattle born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States.

Your request is being considered as a petition for policy change under FSIS's 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 19-05. 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:

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/petitions>

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Issuances Staff at (202) 720-5627 if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

Matthew Michael
Director
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Office of Policy and Program Development