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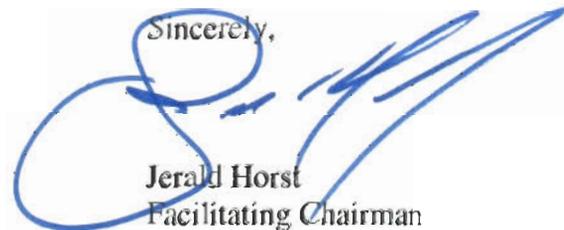
Dear Mr. Yates:

We are writing this letter to express our strong opposition to the Country of Origin Labeling regulation. Our organization, appointed by the state legislature, represents the interests of the seafood industry in Louisiana. This industry includes many small seafood processors which did not originally have strong issue with the program and intent of the regulation.

However, the scope and details of the final interim rule was published the very day before previously announced implementation. It is these rules of the regulation that indicate the difficulties and hardships to be incurred with compliance of the regulation, especially for small seafood processors.

We strongly and respectfully request that product originating in the US be exempted from COOL requirements.

Sincerely,



Jerald Horst
Facilitating Chairman

cc: Justin LeBlanc, National Fisheries Institute