

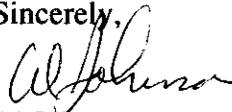
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Chief Standardization Branch  
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Dear of the Standardization Branch

I am writing to urge you to withdraw the proposed meat marketing claims and standards, Docket number LS-02-02. I am a consumer of grass-fed, antibiotic free meat and dairy products and these proposed USDA claims do not satisfy my expectations. Labels need to ensure my confidence as a consumer. In the proposal, grass-fed is not well defined and a producer offering animals a small percentage of grass as a forage, would be able to make this claim. In addition, the claim of "no detectable antibiotic residue" is misleading as it implies that meat is from producers whose practices do not contribute to antibiotic resistance, even though producers using the claims are using antibiotics.

Please withdraw this proposal and re-write it with input from small producers, consumers and environmentalists.

Sincerely,  
  
Al Johnson