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Mr. Sessions,

I am writing to urge you to withdraw USDA Agriculture Marketing Service's proposed livestock and meat marketing claims (Docket No. LS-02.02)

If adopted many of the proposed claims and standards will create loopholes for industrial-style meat producers, mislead consumers and destroy the livelihoods of farmers raising animals without antibiotics.

The real issue of concern to consumers is antibiotic resistance, not antibiotic residue. The last should be abandoned - it is unnecessary. "Not fed antibiotics" does not show if the animal received antibiotics without eating them. It should be withdrawn, as it is quite misleading.

Labeling meat "Grass Fed" when they receive less than 20% of their nutrition from sources other than grazing is also misleading. Animals that are truly grass fed

throughout their lives require very few antibiotics, versus those that are fed high amounts of grain to fatten them and which can cause disease.

The current proposed labeling appears to benefit industrial-style animal producers - to the loss of the real "family farmer" and rancher and consumers who need and provide meat that is TRULY ORGANIC.

Sincerely,
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