

I urge the USDA to uphold the excellent standards set by the North American organic industry over the past twenty years. The following **must not** be included in the any bona fide national organic standards:

- ◆ genetically engineered organisms
- ◆ municipal sludge fertilizer
- ◆ intense animal confinement
- ◆ irradiation

Any organic standard must include the following:

- ⇒ truly sustainable farming practices
- ⇒ the right of private certification bodies to have higher organic standards

Signed: \_\_

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