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Country of Origin Labeling Program
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Dear Sirs,

I have a ranch in northern Minnisota. My main enterprise is 200hd cow/calf operation. I am a director on our local cattlmens Assn. with 30+ years experience in the beef buisness. Living next to Canada good trade between US & Canada (both ways) is important to me. The equipment I buy is labeled for country of manufacter. Cattle buyers use origin as part of their price formula. Packers know where their cattle come from, their quality and their price. Consumers should be able to chose the product that they buy, basied on type, origin, quality and price. I would like the COOL Program used but keep it simple and low cost.

Sincerely
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