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Country of Origin Labeling
Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA
William T. Session, Associate Deputy of Admin.
Stop 0249 Room 2092-S
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-0249

Dear Mr. Sessions,

I have been a pecan grower in Houston County, Georgia for a number of years and pecans are a large part of my livelihood. The profit margin on pecans seems to diminish each year and I believe a "Country of Labeling Origin" on pecans would greatly increase our sales potential by alerting consumers and allowing them to choose the origin of pecans they wish to purchase.

Please support the U.S. pecan growers and do whatever you can to insure that pecans are included in the existing "Country of Labeling Origin".

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration and feel free to call me at 478-987-3263 anytime regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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