

July 24, 2007

The Honorable Collin Peterson
U.S. House of Representatives
1301 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
U.S. House of Representatives
1305 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Peterson and Ranking Member Goodlatte:

Thank you for providing a framework for addressing country-of-origin labeling (COOL) implementation issues.

We believe that the language approved by the committee will achieve the intent of Congress when it passed the original COOL law as part of the 2002 Farm Bill. We will support this language and oppose all efforts to amend the language through the entire legislative process as it relates to the new Farm Bill. The only exception to this statement would come about as a result of an agreement among all of the signatories of this letter to support a needed change due to matters unforeseen at this time.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

National Farmers Union
American Foods Group
American Meat Institute
Cargill
Christensen Farms
Hatfield Quality Meats
Hormel
National Beef
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Chicken Council
National Meat Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Turkey Federation
Seaboard Corporation
Smithfield Foods
Swift & Co.
Tyson Foods, Inc.
U.S. Premium Beef
United Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Association