

## Washington Cattle Owners' Petition by R-CALF USA

We, the undersigned cattle owners from Washington, hereby request the Washington State Veterinarian to represent our animal identification interests by preserving our right to continually choose among various official animal identification methods and devices when meeting all present and future state or federal animal identification initiatives.

Specifically, we request the Washington State Veterinarian to continually support our rights and privileges described in the 2013 final rule, “Traceability of Livestock Moving Interstate,” that states “Official Identification Devices and Methods” include official eartags, which include metal eartags (such as the orange-colored metal brucellosis tags) containing a National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) number that does not require premises registration or a Premises Identification Number (PIN); properly registered brands accompanied by an official brand inspection certificate; tattoos and other identification methods acceptable to breed associations (accompanied by a breed registration certificate); group/lot identification numbers; backtags; *or* other forms of identification as agreed to by the shipping and receiving states.

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