

July 2, 2020

Betsy Flores
Director
Research and Promotion Division
USDA AMS Livestock & Poultry Program
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence, Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-0249

Via E-Mail:
elizabethr.flores@usda.gov

Dear Ms. Flores,

This is to notify you that, in accordance with the The Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 and the Guidelines to Petition the Secretary of Agriculture For a Referendum on the Beef Promotion and Research Order (June 2020), we, the undersigned, are beginning a petition among cattle producers requesting a referendum on the termination of the Beef Promotion and Research Order.

This petition went live July 2, 2020 at 3:30 EST.

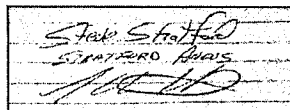
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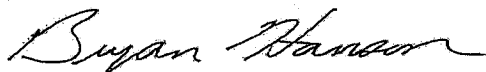
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Sincerely,

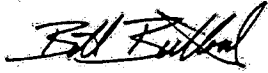
Stratford Angus
Steve Stratford, Owner



SDLAMA—South Dakota Livestock Auction Markets Association
Bryan Hanson, President



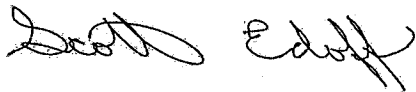
R-CALF USA—Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America
Bill Bullard, CEO



OCM-- Organization of Competitive Markets
Don Stull, President



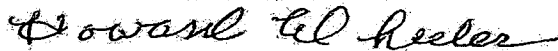
South Dakota Stockgrowers Association
Scott Edoff, President



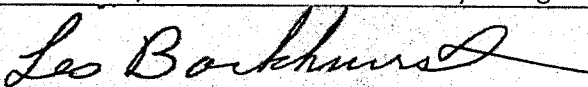
Independent Beef Association of North Dakota (I-BAND)
Dwight Keller I- BAND President



Buckeye Quality Beef Association, Inc.
Howard Wheeler, President



ICOW-- Independent Cattlemen of Wyoming

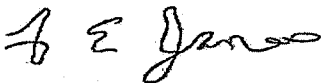


Les Barkhurst, President

ICON—Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska
James J. Dinklage, President



Dakota Rural Action
Frank James, Director



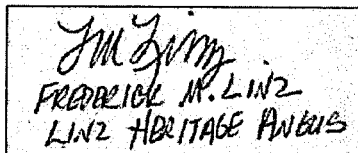
Colorado Independent Cattle Growers Association
Curt Werner, President



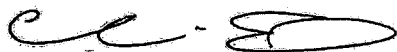
Stevens County Cattleman's Association
Scott Nielsen, President



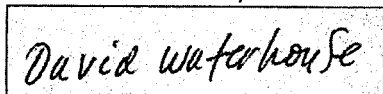
Linz Heritage Angus
Fred Linz, CEO & President



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CK6 Consulting Inc.
Chris Earl, Owner



Manchester Livestock Auction
Dave Waterhouse, Owner



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The undersigned on oath states that he served the foregoing notification to collect petition signatures via e-mail on July 2, 2020 to:

elizabethr.flores@usda.gov


Further, a copy was sent to the following address by certified mail:

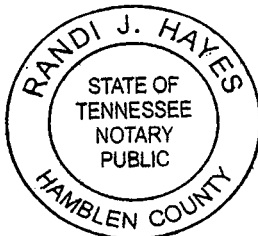
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Nicholas B. Nesson

Subscribed and SWORN TO me
this 6th day of July, 2020.


Notary Public



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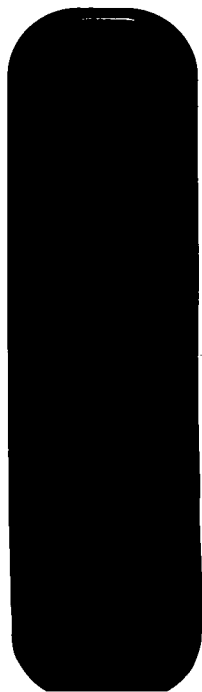
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