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Comments for the Justice Department and USDA regarding what has happened to competition in our US cattle market

I am requesting immediate action to halt the packers anticompetitive use of formula cattle contracts and other captive supply schemes and asking for a moratorium on the packer practice of removing cattle from the competitive marketplace without establishing a price (formula cattle).

Would also like to encourage the US Trade Organization (USTR) to continue aggressively defending COOL against the World Trade Organization complaints filed by Canada & Mexico. They dont need to be controlling our business, they are not concerned with our welfare, and they have already hurt us enough by bringing in diseased animals.

Restore the weakened disease standards, a call for immediate reform. Call for immediate overturning of the over 30-month rule that allows importation of older cows & bulls from Canada, they are exposing our animals to a higher risk for BSE.

I would like to urge the USDA to protect our animals from diseases that are not being controlled in bordering countries, do not relax the standards to allow our cattle to be further exposed, plus jeopardizing our cattle producers livelihood. We need to protect our country. World Trade Organization is only trying to make things better for themselves, they are not trying to keep disease from their herds, it will cost them too much, so by relaxing the standards, puts our producers in peril, they have taken the time and money to assure healthy animals, other countries should follow our play, not the other way around.

Last, but certainly not least, we need to completely abandon a National Animal Identification System, it is nothing, but a scheme to establish more government bureaucrats, to set up more costly regulations for our cattle producers. The situation can be completely remedied by protecting our borders from diseases that are brought in to our country, do not get bought off by politicians outside our country that are only trying to promote their own countries.

Stand up for the American citizens that are trying to scratch out a living honestly. It seems that our government agencies have forgotten about our country that relies on them to do the right thing. Please help us, by listening to our plea!!!!