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Dear Department of Justice,

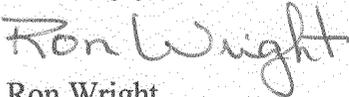
I am writing this letter to let you know (my opinion about packers exerting their powers to lower cattle prices). As we all know there are only Four "Big Packers" left today that rule this business. They never have to buy any fat cattle until Thursday or Friday of every week and then they get their buyers together to buy them as cheap as possible. A few years ago there were several Packers and the bidding on Fat Cattle would begin on Mondays and Tuesdays creating a good market for small feedlot operators which we need today. This is why there needs to be a ban on packer ownership of Livestock!

Mr. Tom Vilsack (our Agriculture Secretary) and Mr. Dudley Butler (GIPSA Administrator) believe in competitive markets! I'm sure Mr. Vilsack does not want to see the many small feed lot operators in Iowa be destroyed. He was a tremendous Governor for that State.

My wife and I operate a small cow-calf operation (130 mother cows) and have four children. I had to work out for 37 years to get our small place paid for. I feel sorry for the many young people wanting to be a Farmer or Rancher. It takes a long time especially when you have to start out buying cattle, machinery, and land from scratch.

Thank you for listening!

Sincerely yours,



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