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RE: FDA Docket No. 2002N-0273
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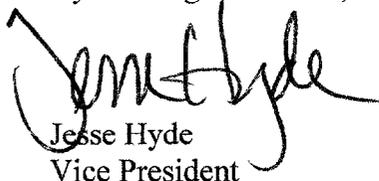
To Whom It May Concern:

Due to the fact the BSE issue is winding down and the USDA's Surveillance Program clearly shows we **do not** have a BSE risk to the United States cattle population we appeal to you to reconsider the proposed ruling above referenced. The current **ruminant to ruminant feed ban** created in 1997 has been in force longer than most living animals and within two years will have survived all living cattle. There is therefore, no need for additional feed restrictions based on current compliance.

We cannot understand why the FDA would impose unwarranted additional hardship and expenses on the meat packing industry, not to mention the hazard created to human health that might be caused by disposal other than through the services of the rendering facilities. Such expenses would also necessarily be extended to state agencies that would have to enforce and oversee the handling of any such animal disposal.

We respectfully submit that there is no evidence that warrants such grave action set forth by the above referenced proposal.

Yours truly,
Hyde Slaughter House, Inc.


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