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*Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane
Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852
Docket # 2004N-0264*

To Whom It May Concern,

G.A.O.B., Inc is a company that distributes inedible beef products to greyhound tracks, greyhound farms, zoos, and pets. It is a small independent business that will be put out of business with the over kill of Docket # 2004N-0264.

There has been only one case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States. This case linking back to a Canadian source cow that was imported prior to 1997. These results show the effectiveness of our federal laws and regulations that were established in 1989 and 1997. Instilling more ridged regulations will only proceed to increase the costs and decrease the benefits to rendering plants, processing plants, farms, consumers, and distributors, as myself. Docket # 2004N-0264 will only add to our current laws by having a trickle down effect; negatively impacting many small independent businesses.

I do feel confidently in our current laws. With monitoring of importation by the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, BSE has not evolved in the United States as other countries. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Lynnell Haynes

G.A.O.B., Inc., President

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