



September 19, 2007

The Honorable Tim Johnson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Johnson,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you back to the United States Senate following your illness. As a champion of the United States cattle industry, your service to ranchers across the country is deeply appreciated. In your absence, we have had the opportunity to work with your staff and we extend our gratitude for their service and professionalism.

The U.S. Cattlemen's Association (USCA) was established in April 2007 as a membership-driven, grassroots organization to provide a reasoned voice in Washington, DC for producers. A primary focus for USCA has been the passage and implementation of country of origin labeling. As you know, the U.S. House has passed an amended version of the original law, which our organization supports. We look forward to Farm Bill debate in the U.S. Senate and are optimistic that we are very close to seeing implementation of the labeling law.

Our excitement and anticipation about this can only be exceeded by your own, since you were the author of the original legislation. U.S. producers have waited patiently for a long time to have their product distinguished from imported product in retail cases.

USCA looks forward to working with you throughout the Senate debate over Farm Bill policy, and on future issues as well.

Please accept our fondest best wishes and feel free to call upon USCA at any time.

Respectfully,

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President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danni Beer".

COOL Chair