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I Have ordered items thought to be local only to find that it was a knock-off from China.



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Please support this bill requiring country of origin labeling. Very simply, consumers have a right to know the source of their food. It also allows for support of our farmers as consumers can choose local food. I should think this would be a non controversial position that would have bipartisan support.



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WITNESS NAME: BEV EHLEN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-608-0168	
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I am in total support of HCR 29 – Country of Origin Labeling - sponsored by Rep. Keith Elliott (R-District 153). HCR 29 urges the United States Congress to reinstate mandatory country of origin labeling.



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Please support. Thank you.



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Consumers deserve to know where their meat is coming from. Personally, I pay a LOT of attention to that which is why most of my meat is bought from local small farmers and not the grocery store. I currently cannot be sure where that steak is coming from - e.g. Texas or Brazil. A label that shows country of origin will bring more of my meat and fish purchasing back to my local supermarket though I will continue to "buy local".



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WITNESS NAME: CHERYL BOHL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a cattle farmer, I want to strongly encourage Country of Origin Labeling to support all US cattle farmers. I also want to know where my meat and other food comes from that I purchase in the store and when I go out to eat.

- People want truth in labeling. Consumers overwhelmingly say they want to be able to choose US born and raised meat and support American livestock producers, local economies and our communities.
- Imports allow multinational meatpackers to keep the prices they pay farmers low. The adoption of mandatory COOL in the 2008 Farm Bill led to a steady price increase for U.S. cattle, and the repeal of mandatory COOL for beef in 2015 triggered a price drop. We know it works.
- COOL facilitates fair competition by providing accurate information in the marketplace. In 2025, the US imported over 5.47 billion pounds of boxed beef and just under 2 million live cattle.
- Meatpackers can already provide this common-sense information, it does not require new infrastructure. Meatpackers already have systems to track marketing attributes (like certified Angus, grass-fed, or organic) and USDA grading traits (select, choice, prime).
- HJR 29 urges Congress to restore mandatory labeling for meat so that all consumers benefit from accurate information about what they are buying.

Consumers deserve the right to choose American raised beef.



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WITNESS NAME: DAN SEXSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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Honorable Members of the Committee,
Please vote this resolution out of committee for passage. I believe the American people and the citizens of Missouri deserve to know where, whatever they consume, comes from.
Respectfully submitted,
Dan



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I have been in cattle production for 55 years and have seen many changes during those years. Many of those changes were experiments in attempted improvements. Some experiments are still with us with questionable improvements. With Country of Origin Labeling you have a popular program with both consumers and producers. COOL is not an experiment but a tried system that worked very well in my experience.

In 2009 farm bill established mandatory Country of Origin Labeling. Missouri being the number 2 cow/calf herd producer benefitted from the increase in demand for our product. The steady increase in prices at the gate increased the cow/calf profit to \$518 per unit. If you had a cow herd of 100 cows you could expect an income of \$51,000 off your herd. COOL was repealed in 2015. In 2016 cattle producers saw a 38% drop in profit from 2015. At that same time the United States increased beef imports 10% and has been increasing ever since. to the point in 2022 that same 100 cow herd only had an income \$7500. Poverty level.

The recent increases in price are caused by the historic small domestic herd. Not some success in voluntary labeling.

The elephant in the room is the increasing beef imports. Imports of beef allows for the multinational meatpackers to manipulate the marketplace with their unfair pricing formulas.

Beef imports have increased by 45% since 2014. The United States started having a deficit in beef trade that same year and has increased at an accelerated rate. Once having a trade surplus in beef first started with a trade deficit in 2014 and has increased to nearly 1.5 billion pounds. Imports increased 24% in 2024. Argentina increased their beef exports to the U.S. by 46%. The quota system is insufficient to deter large imports.

We need a fair competition by providing accurate information in the marketplace. Policymakers need to address these challenges to protect Missouri cattle producers and ensure cattle remain a sustainable future for the U.S. beef supply chain. Missouri, being the #2 cow/calf producing state, needs to strengthen our independent cattle producers by backing HCR 29.

Thank you
 Darvin Bentlage



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID AND CHERYL BROWN		PHONE NUMBER:
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I urge support of COOL . Consumers require transparency in knowing where their food products originate. I personally support buying US American as much as possible.



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As a consumer of beef products, I want to be able to support American beef producers. I shouldn't have to support foreign companies when I buy beef.



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WITNESS NAME: DIANE PHILLIPS		PHONE NUMBER:
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I support this bill and it should be passed.



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I strongly support mandatory country of origin labeling (COOL). We consumers want truth in labeling to be able to choose US born and raised meat and support American livestock producers, local economies and our communities. Meatpackers can already provide this information and it does not require new infrastructure. We deserve the right to choose American raised beef.



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH PETERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: ESTHER ELLIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support country of origin labeling.

My husband and I have a small farm in Columbia where we raise cattle (pasture raised, pasture finished). People who purchase beef from us are looking for locally raised beef, so they know where it comes from.

In conversations with others, many people reference that they want to know where their food comes from (grown/raised in the US or imported). Locally raised food benefits not only livestock producers, but also the economies of the towns they exist in.

Meatpackers can already provide country or origin labeling, it does not require new infrastructure. Meatpackers already have systems to track marketing attributes (like certified Angus, grass-fed, or organic) and USDA grading traits (select, choice, prime).

Consumers deserve to know where their food is coming from, and deserve the right to choose beef raised in the US.



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Common sense



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Our area in Howard Co has lots of smaller cattle farmers. We need COOL to support our economy and the livelihood of our neighbors and their families! This is really important for our whole community!



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WITNESS NAME: ISAAC ELLIS		PHONE NUMBER:
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Country of origin labels, do justice to the consumer and the producer. It allows the consumer to purchase with confidence and understanding of what they are consuming, likewise it allows producers to profit accordingly while the packer can still import lesser product and sell it at an according price point. We have implemented this before and I believe we should do it again, we must support the industries that support us.



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WITNESS NAME: JACQUIE THORSTENSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JAMIE BLAIR		PHONE NUMBER: 573-253-3934	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI RURAL CRISIS CENTER		TITLE: LEAD LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZER	
ADDRESS: 1906 MONROE ST			
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WITNESS NAME: JANE PUSZKAT		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER E SPENA		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: JEROME JACOBMEYER		PHONE NUMBER:
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Is there ANY good reason for keeping the country of origin secret? I can not think of any.
In my opinion, keeping the country of origin secret opens the door for fraud.
Some countries use slave labor. I do not want to support any country who uses slave labor.



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WITNESS NAME: JIMMY R THWING		PHONE NUMBER:
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JOSEPH MICHAEL SZABO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a consumer I want to know where my food comes from. I would prefer to support American farmers and as it stands now I cannot do that. Please pass the Country of Origin Labelling bill HCR29 into law.



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- People want truth in labeling. Consumers overwhelmingly say they want to be able to choose US born and raised meat and support American livestock producers, local economies and our communities.
- Imports allow multinational meatpackers to keep the prices they pay farmers low. The adoption of mandatory COOL in the 2008 Farm Bill led to a steady price increase for U.S. cattle, and the repeal of mandatory COOL for beef in 2015 triggered a price drop. We know it works.
- COOL facilitates fair competition by providing accurate information in the marketplace. In 2025, the US imported over 5.47 billion pounds of boxed beef and just under 2 million live cattle.
- Meatpackers can already provide this common-sense information. Meatpackers already have systems to track marketing attributes (like certified Angus, grass-fed, or organic) and USDA grading traits (select, choice, prime). COOL requires meatpackers to maintain information about the origin of livestock, but it does not require new infrastructure.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHRYN (KATHY) JENSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Committee Members

I ask you to SUPPORT Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling by passing HRJ/HCR 29! I support this bill as a family farmer's daughter because I know how negatively the loss of MCOOL has impacted farmers incomes! The multinational meatpackers cut the prices they pay cattle producers for U.S.born.and raised cattle when MCOOL was repealed in 2015!

Another major downward pressure on beef prices are the huge amount of beef and live cattle imported from Argentina!! I have a soft spot in my heart for ALL farmers because I know the life and the values of stewardship of our earth. But, we as Missourians need to make Missouri and American farmers our top priority!! Family farmers are under tremendous strain in trying to keep their farms afloat. They desperately need fair competition and fair prices!! HCR/HRJ 29 will definitely help farmers who are cattle producers!!

As a grocery shopper, I want to know where the food, including meat, I'm buying for myself and my family come from! I trust American raised beef and other meat products because I know there are laws about what animals are fed, what vaccinations and other meds they are given and that packing plants are inspected by our USDA for sanitation as well as worker safety. I know I'm getting a safe, quality product when it is labeled as American grown!

You may not know that family farmers commit suicide at a very high rate. The stress and depression caused by the constant fight to keep their farm viable and make a living can become too much. Food is a basic need for all of us!

We must support our family farmers. Do your part! Pass MCOOL!

Sincerely

Kathy Jensen
 Columbia, MO



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WITNESS NAME: KEN WOLKER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-338-3948	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: INDEPENDENT CATTLEMEN OF MISSOURI		TITLE: MEMBER	
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I want to be able to make it form buying decisions



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA HAUSLADEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME		
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WITNESS NAME: LAURA WACKER		PHONE NUMBER:
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Americans want to support American farmers! The changes in who owns land in our country in states like Missouri, and the foreign countries that own packing plants and farmland in America that control pricing are driving our farmers out of business. We need to know who grew our food and really would like to know much more information about our farmed food. We used to be one of the healthiest and wealthiest nations and now we are heading in the opposite direction. Let's take care of our producers so they can take care of us!



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WITNESS NAME: LAUREL MORTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: LAURIE SIPPEL		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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Americans need to know where their food comes from. That is not the only issue, but the one that most of us are concerned about.



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA GRAUE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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People want truth in labeling. Consumers overwhelmingly say they want to be able to choose US born and raised meat and support American livestock producers, local economies and our communities.

- Imports allow multinational meatpackers to keep the prices they pay farmers low. The adoption of mandatory COOL in the 2008 Farm Bill led to a steady price increase for U.S. cattle, and the repeal of mandatory COOL for beef in 2015 triggered a price drop. We know it works.

- COOL facilitates fair competition by providing accurate information in the marketplace. In 2025, the US imported over 5.47 billion pounds of boxed beef and just under 2 million live cattle.

- Meatpackers can already provide this common-sense information,

it does not require new infrastructure.

Meatpackers already have systems to track marketing attributes (like certified Angus, grass-fed, or organic) and USDA grading traits (select, choice, prime).

- HCR 29 urges Congress to restore mandatory labeling for meat so that all consumers benefit from accurate information about what they are buying.



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WITNESS NAME: LISA GUILLORY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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Consumers want truth in labeling and overwhelmingly support the ability to choose meat that is born and raised in the United States, benefiting American farmers, local economies, and communities. Imports allow multinational meatpackers to suppress prices paid to U.S. producers, while past implementation of mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) increased cattle prices, and its repeal in 2015 led to a decline—demonstrating its effectiveness. COOL promotes fair competition by ensuring accurate information in the marketplace, especially as the U.S. imports billions of pounds of beef and millions of live cattle annually. Meatpackers already have the systems needed to provide this information, as they currently track various marketing and USDA grading attributes without requiring new infrastructure. HJR 29 calls on Congress to restore mandatory meat labeling so all consumers can make informed purchasing decisions.



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WITNESS NAME: LISA JONES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a Missouri consumer, I like to know where my food is coming from, and buy local food whenever I can. Missouri farmers deserve a fair price for their livestock and this bill would help them too.



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WITNESS NAME: MARGARET SUE SKIDMORE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in support of Country of Origin Labeling because it is important to know where your/my food originates, is raised, so l/you will know if it is raised naturally or organically so it will not have a lot of toxics and that it is raised in a quality humane way.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MARILYN A BETTENHAUSEN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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I am writing in support of HCR 29 – Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL). When I purchase food for my family, I want to be able to select US born and raised meat and support American livestock producers, local economies and our communities.

People want truth in labeling. Currently meat labeled as ‘PRODUCT OF THE USA’ is not necessarily meat that was produced from livestock born and raised in our country. This label can be applied to imported beef that was simply re-packaged here. This resolution urges Congress to restore mandatory labeling for meat so that all consumers benefit from accurate information about what they are buying.

Imports allow multinational meatpackers to keep the prices they pay farmers low. The adoption of mandatory COOL in the 2008 Farm Bill led to a steady price increase for U.S. cattle, so we know that it works. The repeal of mandatory COOL for beef in 2015 triggered a price drop.

COOL facilitates fair competition by providing accurate information in the marketplace. In 2025, the US imported over 5.47 billion pounds of boxed beef and just under 2 million live cattle.

Meatpackers can already provide this basic, common-sense information. They have systems in place to track marketing attributes (like certified Angus, grass-fed, or organic) and USDA grading traits (select, choice, prime). COOL requires meatpackers to maintain information about the origin of livestock, but it does not require new infrastructure.

Consumers deserve the right to choose American raised beef.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MARLAINE MEEKER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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I live in area where beef ranchers are my neighbors and I want them to stay neighbors. The beef I get from grocery stores is not good beef. I want to know where it's coming from! If President Trump wants to make America great again, we need to support American grown products and I need to know where they are grown and raised. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY ADLER		PHONE NUMBER:
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In support of HCR. 29



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MARY ANN BOATIGHT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Customers should be able to rely on basic information when purchasing products. The country of origin helps consumers be more informed about what they are purchasing and its origin. Especially if you are trying to buy your country's products.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY LOPEZ		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: MARYLOUISE CAWOOD		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW VAN SCHYNDEL		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: MELINDA HEMMELGARN		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am a registered dietitian and consumer educator based in Columbia, MO, and I support HCR 29 because I support legislation that will protect and strengthen a consumer's right to know where their food comes from, and specifically, their ability to know where their meat was produced, slaughtered and packaged. I don't want to buy beef from other countries. I want to support local and regional farmers and boost the economic health of our rural communities.



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WITNESS NAME		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL COMPTON		PHONE NUMBER: 660-362-2250
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ACT FOR MISSOURI		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY: WARRENSBURG		STATE: MO ZIP: 64093
EMAIL: mike@act4mo.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/8/2026 6:05 PM
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I support HCR 29 because Missouri consumers deserve honest labeling and the right to know where their food comes from. This resolution affirms a simple principle: if meat is advertised as American, families should be able to trust that it was truly born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States. HCR 29 also stands with American farmers and ranchers, who should not be undercut by misleading labels on foreign-imported products processed or packed here. Reinstating mandatory country-of-origin labeling would promote transparency, support domestic agriculture, and help consumers make informed choices at the grocery store. For those reasons, I urge support for HCR 29.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MR. AND MRS. KERN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: OLIVIA STOCKMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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Congress should mandate Country of Origin Labeling for Beef; I want to be able to choose to buy only USA beef.



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WITNESS NAME: PAMELA K. GROW, M.D.		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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American consumers like to know what they're buying. They would like to be able to distinguish between domestically born/raised/processed meat and that from elsewhere. Just a few months ago some meat from South America found its way into a couple of European countries and it was found to contain a substance banned in those countries---I think it was Estradiol (a form of estrogen). Anyway, this prompted those EU countries to issue a big recall.

Bring back COOL--it's truth in labeling!



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WITNESS NAME: PEGGY GILKEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT L. BLAKE JR		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: SANDRA L ENO		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: SHARON SHELBY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: SHEILA KEATONG		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: SILVIA PALETTA		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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Please help us consumers to guide our choices. Low prices are enough!



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: STEVE HOLLIS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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People, including constituents like me, want truth in labeling. Consumers overwhelmingly say they want to be able to choose US born and raised meat and support American livestock producers, local economies and our communities.

HJR 29 urges Congress to restore mandatory labeling for meat so that all consumers benefit from accurate information about what they are buying.

Please support this legislation.

Steve Hollis, President Emeritus
AFGE Local 3354
16831 Albers Pointe Ct
Florissant, MO 63034



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: SUSAN GIBSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I want to be able to choose U.S.-born and -raised meat. My choice would support American livestock producers, local economies and our communities.
Imports allow multinational meatpackers to keep the prices they pay farmers low. The adoption of mandatory COOL in the 2008 Farm Bill led to a steady price increase for U.S. cattle, and the repeal of mandatory COOL for beef in 2015 triggered a price drop. Mandatory labeling works.
Please advance this resolution.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: SUZANNE ORDELHEIDE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: THERESA LINTZENICH		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: THOMAS GOODELUINAS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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I support HCR 29 - Elliott - COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING. Thank you for your attention to this matter!



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: TOM MORAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please support country of origin labeling for beef. It helps keep American family farms in staying alive. Large foreign corporations do not need our money at the risk to our own people. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: WEBSTER DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM CLAASSEN		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am writing to urge the Missouri Congress to restore mandatory labeling for meat. By doing so, all consumers with benefit from accurate information about what they are buying. American consumers have a right to know from where their beef comes.



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WITNESS NAME: CHANCE HEPOLA		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		TITLE:
ADDRESS: 428 E CAPITOL AVE		
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In opposition to the resolution.



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This resolution is framed as a statement in support of transparency and American agriculture, but in substance it advances a policy position that carries significant legal, economic, and trade implications while avoiding full acknowledgment of those consequences.

At its core, the resolution urges Congress to reinstate mandatory country-of-origin labeling for meat products.

However, it omits the central reason such requirements were previously repealed: they were successfully challenged under international trade law and resulted in authorized retaliatory tariffs against the United States.

The prior labeling regime was not removed arbitrarily; it was repealed to prevent ongoing economic harm to American industries.

By advocating for reinstatement without addressing those legal realities, the resolution presents an incomplete picture.

Policies that trigger trade retaliation do not operate in isolation.

They affect export markets, agricultural pricing, and the broader economic stability of the very producers the resolution seeks to support.

Additionally, while the resolution emphasizes consumer transparency, it does not account for the regulatory and compliance burdens associated with mandatory labeling systems.

Segregation, tracking, and verification requirements impose operational costs that are ultimately borne by producers, processors, and consumers.

The assertion that such systems can be implemented without meaningful cost or disruption is not supported by prior experience.

The resolution also adopts broad characterizations regarding foreign food safety standards and labeling practices without acknowledging the complexity of international supply chains or existing federal regulatory oversight.

These generalizations risk oversimplifying a highly regulated and legally sensitive area of commerce.

Finally, this is a nonbinding resolution directed at federal action. While symbolic measures have their place, they should reflect a complete and accurate understanding of the policy landscape, particularly when prior federal action has already been shaped by binding international rulings and economic consequences.

Legislative Notice:

Let the record reflect the following:

This resolution advocates for the reinstatement of a federal policy that was previously repealed following adverse international trade rulings and the threat of retaliatory tariffs against the United States. Any reimplementation of such a policy may again implicate federal authority over foreign commerce and international trade obligations.

To the extent that state legislative bodies urge federal action without addressing the legal and economic constraints governing such policy, there is a risk of advancing positions that may expose domestic industries to renewed trade disputes and economic harm.

Additionally, the regulatory burdens associated with mandatory labeling systems may have downstream effects on interstate commerce, pricing, and market access, all of which fall within the scope of federal constitutional authority.

For these reasons, I stand in opposition.