Tell Congress to create a tracking system for cloned animals!

In poll after poll, the American public has said that it does not want to eat food that comes from cloned animals. A 2008 Food Marketing Institute poll indicated that 77% of Americans are not comfortable with eating foods from cloned animals.

But we won't have much choice about eating cloned foods unless USDA creates a robust system to track clones and their offspring.

Dozens of food companies have pledged to avoid cloned animals in their supply chains, and the National Organic Program has determined that cloned animals and their offspring cannot be certified organic. But these efforts may not be successful unless clones and their offspring can be reliably identified through a national tracking system.

Tracking is also necessary for any kind of labeling about cloned foods. The radio frequency tagging system proposed by the cloning companies stops at the slaughterhouse door and only covers clones, not their offspring; that’s not good enough.

Take Action Now! Tell Congress they must allow for real consumer choice by establishing a national DNA-based tracking system for cloned animals and their offspring.

Talking Points

Please edit the letter below as you see fit. Every letter counts, but personalized messages have the biggest impact!

Subject: Cloned animal tracking system

Dear [ Decision Maker ],

I am writing to urge you to establish a DNA-based tracking system for cloned animals and their offspring.
Cloning technology is still in its infancy. Many Americans object to animal cloning on moral or ethical grounds, and there is no market demand for cloned foods. But the public won’t have any choice about whether or not to avoid cloned foods unless USDA creates a robust system to track cloned animals and their offspring. Without such a system, cloned animals will be invisible to food companies and will inevitably end up in the food supply. Several news stories have reported that some cloned animals and their progeny have already entered the food supply.

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Sincerely,

[Your name]
[Your address]

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