EXHIBIT 3
DATE 2/15/05
HB 406

To Chairman Ed Butcher and Members of the House Agricultural Commmittee:

The Montana Cattlemen's Association fully supports House Bill No. 406 as written and introduced by Representative Bob Bergren.

This legislation has the support of the Montana cattle industry and Montana consumers. Country of origin placarding legislation is required due to the fact the United States Department of Agriculture has refused to implement mandatory county of origin labeling.

Thank you, Chairman Butcher and members of the Committee for your courtesy.

Montana Cattlemen's Association

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