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To: Texas Animal Health Commission

Montana Cattlemen's Association is adamantly opposed to any additional requirements put on cattle originating from the Greater Yellowstone Area (includes the states of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho). The established protocol is more than sufficient to maintain healthy live cattle shipments to any state. The established Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) surrounding Yellowstone National Park and the animal health requirements that it imposes on the cattle within its boundaries are not only approved by APHIS but have a proven track record of finding and containing brucellosis infected cattle to their home state. I urge the Texas Animal Health Commission to reconsider imposing any new requirements on cattle from Montana, Wyoming or Idaho.

Sincerely,

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