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Dear Secretary Mike Johanns:

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the Farm Bill. My name is Randy Cabral and I'm writing as an employee of ML Macadamia Orchards LP. Our company farms approximately 6500 acres of macadamias in Hawaii and produce over 30 million lbs. of wis. nuts per year. We employ 300 plus seasonal and full time employees.

The Hawaiian macadamia industry has spent millions of dollars developing the industry since the 1950's and up until recently was the world leader in macadamia production. Australia has since taken over as leader and South Africa is not far behind. Competition from foreign countries continues to grow and threatens the Hawaiian macadamia industry.

The Hawaiian macadamia industry has a history of providing the consumers with a consistently high quality product. We believe that adding macadamias to the mandatory Country of Origin Labeling list will play an important role in helping our industry survive and compete in the market place against foreign imports. Hawaii producers invest time and resources to meet strict government regulations that help to ensure safe high quality products for the consumers. The labeling will allow consumers to make an informed choice when buying macadamias or other value added macadamia products.

Aloha,

Randy Cabral