

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0530

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June 25, 2009

Dear Ms. Rheinstein:

Thank you for keeping my staff updated about your interest in the food safety bill and sharing your ideas regarding a Nipper Alert for pet food. Like you, I share an interest in securing our food supply for both people and pets.

The current state of our food safety system is dangerous not just for the American public, but also for the food industry itself. The Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009 recognizes that the hallmark of strong food safety legislation must be a shared responsibility for food safety oversight between the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and industry. This legislation will go a long way toward restoring Americans' confidence in our food supply.

While I reviewed your suggestions and appreciate your idea, the bill has already been reported out of the Energy and Commerce Committee. Unfortunately that means I will not be able to include new provisions into the bill because of the procedural rules in the House of Representatives.

However, you may want to contact your United States Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein to see if they might consider including your suggestions into the Senate version of the bill. Senator Boxer can be reached at 312 North Spring Street, Suite 1748, Los Angeles, California 90012 and her contact phone number is (213) 894-5000. Senator Feinstein can be reached at 11111 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 915, Los Angeles, California 90025 and her contact phone number is (310) 914-7300.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me and please continue to be in touch on all matters of concern.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress

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