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Dear Ms. Rheinstein:

Thank you for writing to me regarding H.R.2749, the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009. I appreciate hearing from you and learning about your proposal to add a provision to this bill establishing a "Nipper Alert," a global alert system for contaminated food and animal feed.

H.R.2749 would grant the Food and Drug Administration additional authorities and resources to better oversee the safety of the nation's food supply. The bill also increases industry's responsibility for overseeing the safety of its own products and gives FDA new and enhanced tools to hold manufacturers and distributors accountable when they fail to protect consumers.

H.R. 2749 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 283-142 on July 30, 2009 and was referred to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee on August 3, 2009.

As you noted, the House version of H.R. 2749 did not contain a Nipper Alert. However, be assured that I will keep your proposal in mind should the Food Safety Enhancement Act come before the full Senate for consideration.

Again, thank you for writing to me. Please feel free to contact me again about this or other issues of concern to you and the iDoggiebag Foundation.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer  
United States Senator

Linda Carol Rheinstein, Founder  
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Dear Ms. Rheinstein:

Thank you for writing to me regarding H.R. 2749 in 2009. I appreciate hearing from you and learning about your bill establishing a "Nipper Alert," a global alert system.

H.R. 2749 would grant the Food and Drug Administration resources to better oversee the safety of the national pet industry's responsibility for overseeing the safety of pet products. Enhanced tools to hold manufacturers and distributors accountable to consumers.

H.R. 2749 passed the House of Representatives in 2009 and was referred to the Senate Health, Education, and Labor Committee in 2009.

As you noted, the House version of H.R. 2749 will not be. Be assured that I will keep your proposal in mind for consideration before the full Senate for consideration.

Again, thank you for writing to me. Please contact me if you have other issues of concern to you and the iDoggiebag Foundation.

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