



iDOGGIEBAGTM Foundation

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Honorable Senator Tom Harkin
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Re: "The Nipper Alert: Global Contaminated Food and Feed Alert"

Dear Senator Harkin,

May I offer you my sincere congratulations on your appointment as Chairman of the H.E.L.P. Committee. I am sorry it comes under such difficult circumstances, but if anyone can take up the mantle of Senator Kennedy, it is you.

Your office was copied on my letter of August 5, 2009 to Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein regarding the above-referenced subject. I have attached another copy for your convenience. It lays out the genesis of the Nipper Alert, and more important, it explains how we are prepared to help protect the safety of our food chain, for people and pets.

I am thrilled to tell you that Senator Boxer supports our efforts in adding The Nipper Alert: Global Contaminated Food and Feed Alert to H.R. 2479, the bill which is currently under review in H.E.L.P..

I truly believe from my own personal experience that we need The Nipper Alert TODAY. It is designed to help in a non-partisan, non-threatening way to save not only on health care costs, but also to help prevent economic ruin for those entities who could get caught up in so many of the food recalls we are seeing. The Nipper Alert is not designed to be expensive, in large part because our not for profit iDoggiebag Foundation is prepared to raise funds for its implementation.

What began as a grass-roots effort two years ago is now gaining real support. The National Association of Broadcasters (with 2800 plus TV Cable Radio On Line Network Members) has agreed to distribute the Nipper Alert and all materials to its members. And Best Friends Animal Society, the largest animal sanctuary in the United States has just published an article about The Nipper Alert on their national website, with a link urging their members to call their senators asking them to support The Nipper Alert. Every day we are gathering more national interest.

That said, perhaps you will determine that there is a bill in your committee other than H.R.2479 where The Nipper Alert Contaminated Food and Feed Alert System, Mash Up and All Clear can be added. We are open to all ideas as this again is relevant TODAY.

We will go forward with The Nipper Alert. However, we know that having the support of the government is the proper and most effective way to proceed, especially since we truly

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believe The Nipper Alert is needed on a global scale.

I am available at any time to discuss this with you by phone and I am willing to fly to meet with you or whomever in person.

You can reach me at iDoggiebag@gmail.com or directly at 818-486-7736.

Thank you in advance for your help in this very urgent and important matter.

Very truly yours,

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Survivor of Stage 2 Lymph Node involved Breast Cancer exacerbated by a chain of events started by a Late recall of Pet Food in 2006.

Enclosure
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