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Re: Registration for the Labeling Food Allergens Meeting

To Whom It Concerns:

By this letter mailed and faxed to you today, I am requesting registration for the Food and Drug Administration's Public Meeting with respect to the "Challenge of Labeling Food Allergens" for myself and Dr. Judith Schreiber. We are both scientists with the New York Attorney General's Environmental Protection Bureau. We intend to make a panel presentation on issues associated with this matter and will encourage representatives of other Attorneys General to join in our panel. While we request 30 minutes for our presentation, we realize that many other attendees may wish to speak as well.

As you are aware, Attorneys General from nine states petitioned FDA in May of 2000 to promulgate regulations that would require food manufacturers to:

- disclose all ingredients including incidental additives and natural flavorings
- institute procedures to minimize cross-contamination
- provide a toll free telephone number on food labels for consumers seeking detailed processing and/or ingredient information
- include warning label or insignia noting potential allergen content

Our comments will discuss these issues and others that your Federal Register notice of July 25, 2001 raised. Thank you in advance for reserving some time for our presentation.

Very truly yours,

Peter N. Skinner
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Scientific Director

cc: Attorneys General signing May 2000 Petition

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