TO:

Food Safety and Inspection Service Clerk United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service Room onehundredtwo

Cotton Annex

300 12th Street. SW

Washington

District of Columbia 20250-3700

02-035N 02-035N-1 Craig Lennon Kysar

Refrence: Docket 02-035N

Dear People:

The bar should be set low concerning food safety for three reasons: its better for the individual, its better for the world economy, and its better for the world environment.

I would rather eat half a bug than eat pesticides and/or irradiated fruit which causes sterilization amongst other things. In fact, we may expect lawsuits if the food safety bar is set so high that irradiation is used and people become sterile or their children are born deformed. What initially looks like food "safety" (irradiation, pesticides and preservatives) is actually food poisoning.

Not to mention the third world countries' economies left behind even further if the rules are too stringent. If all food is chemically "cleaned," where do these poisons go? Into our water, soil and air. Remember, all living things on this planet are related and need each other. We may destroy all fruit flies only to find out that they play an important part in the cycle of our very existance.

Cheerio,