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Subject: Please publish the Performance Standards for Processed Meat and Poultry Products regulation

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Alex Langshur

Dear Ann Veneman,

I am concerned that there has been a hold placed on the publication of the proposed regulation on "Performance Standards for the Production of Processed Meat and Poultry Products." My understanding is that it had been previously sent by USDA to the Federal Register, but was never published. I'm a bit concerned to find out that it was held back because President Bush's Chief of Staff ordered a hold on all new regulations.

While I don't believe that regulations are always a good thing, when it comes to food and food safety, I strongly support the USDA actions. I urge you to support the initiatives of the USDA to safeguard America's food supply.

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Mr. Alex Langshur
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Dear Mr. Langshur:

Thank you for your January 25, 2001, electronic mail message to Secretary Ann Veneman about a proposal to amend the Federal meat and poultry inspection regulations by establishing food safety performance standards for all ready-to-eat and partially heat-treated meat and poultry products.

As you may know, the proposal was published in the February 27, 2001, *Federal Register*. The public comment period on the proposal, "Performance Standards for the Production of Processed Meat and Poultry Products," closes on May 29, 2001. Your correspondence will be included in the official record of public comments and will be given careful consideration.

We appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Philip S. Derfler
Deputy Administrator
Office of Policy, Program Development,
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Mr. Alex Langshur
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Dear Mr. Langshur:

Thank you for your January 25, 2001, letter, urging approval for the publication of the proposed regulation on "Performance Standards for the Production of Processed Meat and Poultry Products".

We share your interest in food safety and appreciate hearing from you. The proposal mentioned in your letter was published in the February 27, 2001, *Federal Register*, and we have enclosed a copy for you. The public comment period for the proposal, "Performance Standards for the Production of Processed Meat and Poultry Products," closes on May 29, 2001. Your correspondence will be included in the official record of public comments.

Sincerely,

Philip S. Derfler
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Enclosure

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