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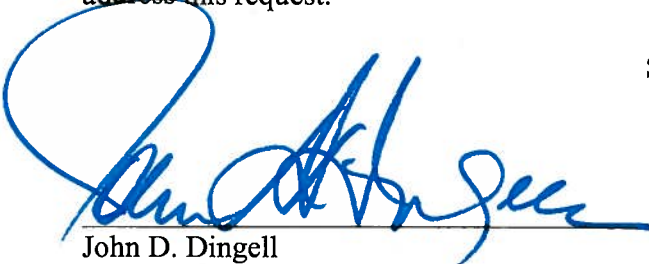
Dear Comptroller General Walker:

Under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are investigating the safety and security of the Nation's food supply. The recent contamination of pet food involving Chinese-imported "wheat gluten" has raised questions about the adequacy of Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) efforts to protect the safety of the Nation's food supply from adulterated food product imports.

Based on the Committee's concerns about the shipment of contaminated food products into the United States, we request that the Government Accountability Office's Forensic Audits and Special Investigations unit perform proactive testing of vulnerabilities in systems designed to flag suspicious shipments before they enter the United States.

Please contact John Sopko, Chief Counsel for Oversight at (202) 225-7469, or Alan Slobodin, Minority Deputy Chief Counsel at (202) 225-3641, to discuss mutually agreeable plans to address this request.

Sincerely,

  
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