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Joseph Levitt, Director  
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Dear Mr. Levitt,

Enclosed is a request to support the FDA's proposal that bottled water manufacturers be required to make available detailed reports of contaminants, just as public water utilities do. All bottled water labels should also disclose where the water comes from. We drink a lot of bottled water as it is easy to carry and we do not drink much pop. I am especially concerned after reading a report that lead content may exceed standards in some bottled waters.

Another labeling requirement should be on genetically modified foods so consumers have a choice. I have allergies and need to know if allergens may have been introduced into foods.

Thank you for your consideration of new labeling regulations to help us be better consumers.

Sincerely,

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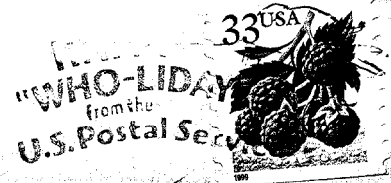
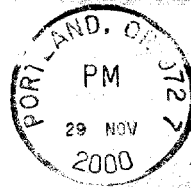
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Consumers have the right to know what's in their bottled water. As a member of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, I support the FDA's proposal that bottled-water manufacturers be required to make available detailed reports of contaminants, just as public water utilities do. All bottled-water labels should also disclose where the water comes from.



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