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Dear Secretary Veneman:

Americans should be able to rely on the safety of the meat they buy to eat. Although the existing regulatory system has continued to improve, there is still a serious gap because testing for Listeria is not required. Several years ago people died because Listeria was present in luncheon meats and other ready to eat meat products.

I urge you to close this Listeria gap as soon as possible before another outbreak of food-poisoning occurs and elderly people, young children, immunocompromised people, pregnant women, and unborn children become ill or die from contaminated meat and poultry.

Sincerely, Shirley Garth, P.O.Box 2115, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055

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