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I would like to comment on the Docket No. 97-068N concerning Escherichia coli 0157:H7. I feel that we have done the right thing by establishing this E. Coli 0157:H7 as an adulterant to our food. This is only the tip of the iceberg and I do believe that we must continue our search for this hazard by including manufacturing trimmings and meats that are susceptible to having pathogens introduced below the surface as a result of further processing. We need to expand our sampling and testing to destroy this threat before it becomes a reality as in a death of a child or a loved one.

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