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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner Food & Drug Administration 5000 Fishers Lane Rockville, Maryland 20857

Dear Commissioner Henney:

I heard a TV news cast yesterday (Channel 12, Cincinnati, Ohio) which greatly disturbed me. It concerns the FDA's allowing bakers to VOLUNTARILY stop using in their products, the carcinogen, POTASSIUM BROMATE.

This is like the use of cigarettes, etc., "Use at your own risk" if its on the label. How can you allow this? Canada and England will NOT allow the use of this carcinogen in bakers' products, and California must put it on their labels if it is used. Great! They also put it on WONDER BREAD labels also (sold in Cincinnati), but I was unaware of the danger until I heard about it on the local TV broadcast.

Please make it MANDATORY that bakers in the United States NOT use this cancer-causing ingredient.

Sincerely,

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P.S.--Don't you realize the great potential here for law suits due to this apparent disregard for the people who eat these products? I myself have used WONDER BREAD products for at least five years unaware of the danger involved.

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