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Dear: Ms. Henney

My name is Masa Sakata. The purpose of this letter is to provide my opinion regarding the importance of changing regulation with bottled water.

Bottled water boom over the past decade has transcended the elements of fashion and become a basic staple in the American household. Bottled water is a \$3 billion plus market in the USA annually, and is still growing rapidly. It is the fastest growing segment in the beverage market. Currently, more than 150 kinds of bottled water are available, including Bottled, Artesian, Ground, Mineral, Purified, Sparkling, Spring, Sterile, and Well Water. This implies that people love bottled water.


Despite official pronouncements that U.S. water is safe to drink, millions of Americans still wonder and buy bottled water by <http://new.popsci.com>. In the Drink non-profit organization points out that over 53 million Americans drank water that did not meet Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) health or biological treatment standards or guidelines.

Domestic bottled water is regulated by the Federal government and by all state and some local agencies. The Federal Food and Drug Administration classifies and regulates bottled water as a food, under provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, and in keeping with the Memorandum of Understanding between the FDA and the Environmental Protection Agency.

I will expect that FDA requires bottlers to submit water samples to be analyzed on a quarter basis instead of currently an annual base. This change will provide much superior quality and protect especially, children or older people who are not immune to a disease gem from danger.

Thank you very much for taking time out of your busy schedule to read this letter.
I look forward to hearing form you soon.

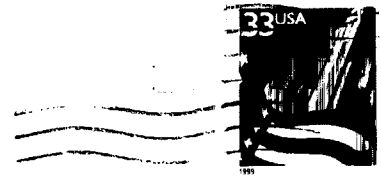
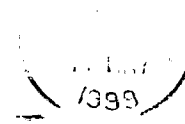
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