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Dear Mr. Schwetz:

I am a physician practicing Internal Medicine in Columbiana, Alabama. Over the past two years I have treated a patient, Ms. Renee Wilder, on multiple occasions for allergic reactions to food products that have been handled with latex in both grocery stores and restaurants. Both the patient and I have informed the restaurants involved with little cooperation from the businesses involved. I have also contacted the Shelby County Health Department regarding this important health issue.

Each time my patient is exposed to latex, her reaction is more severe than the previous, despite allergy medications and the care of her allergist. As you know there are multiple patients across the country who have suffered from severe and even deadly reactions to latex, and latex allergies are becoming more common. Because of this, I as a physician feel it is imperative that food handlers be legally banned from using latex gloves in food preparation. Please consider federal legislation to accomplish this.

Ms. Wilder has given me permission to discuss her case with you and to provide you with her address if needed:

Renee Wilder
1180 Hwy 56
Wilsonville, AL 35186

Sincerely,

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