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## Dear Colleague:

I want to thank you for your contribution to the November 8, 2000, discussion of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) consumer advisory on methylmercury in fish, and for your letter dated November 21, 2000, reiterating your positions on this important issue.

Be assured that FDA is giving careful consideration to all of the stakeholders' points, including your specific suggestions for warnings to at-risk consumers.

We will keep you informed of our progress on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Levitt

Director

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