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Dear Dr. Jacobson:

This letter is in response to your citizen petition, Docket Number 99P-2630, which was filed with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on August 4, 1999. Your petition requests that FDA establish a Daily Reference Value for "added sugars" in foods and require that the Nutrition Facts panel include the amount of added sugars and the percent Daily Value in a serving. In addition, you requested that FDA change related labeling regulations for nutrient content and health claims.

This letter is to advise you that the Office of Food Labeling has initiated a preliminary petition review. Completion of the petition review will be based on program priorities and resources of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

In order to effectively review your petition, we are requesting that you submit to the Dockets Management Branch, HFA-305, copies of all the references cited in your petition with the exception of the Federal Register documents.

Sincerely yours,

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