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Food and Drug Administration  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed comments on "Food Labeling: Health Claims; Dietary Guidance," prepared in response to the Department of Health and Human Services request for comment [Federal Register: January 27, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 17 at 3,868); Extension of Comment Period].

The Regulatory Studies Program of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University is dedicated to advancing knowledge of regulations and their impact on society. These comments on the Department's proposed rule do not represent the views of any particular affected party or special interest group, but are designed to evaluate the effect of the proposal on the public interest generally.

The Regulatory Studies Program appreciates the opportunity to comment and we hope that consideration of these comments will enhance the quality and development of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) policy and regulations.

Sincerely,

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