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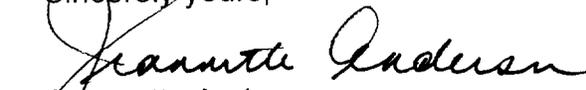
Dear Sirs:

I am writing on behalf of the American Peanut Council, an industry trade association representing all segments of the peanut industry, including manufacturers of approximately 80% of the f the peanut products consumed in the United States.

We are writing to express support of the proposed rule "Food Labeling: *Trans* Fatty Acids in Nutrition Labeling, Nutrient Content Claims, and Health Claims". We believe the proposed minimum level for reporting is appropriate and that the requirement to add the trans fat content to that of saturated fat, along with an asterisk referring consumers to a footnote for the trans fat content will provide adequate information to consumers.

We would like to further comment on the regulation for a proposed "trans fat free" claim. We understand that such a claim would be allowed if a food contains less than 0.5g of trans fat and less than .5g saturated fat per serving. We believe that this restriction is too severe. We would suggest that a "trans fat free" claim be allowed for foods which have less than 0.5g of trans fat per serving and for which the saturated fat content makes up less that 20% of the total calories from fat.

Sincerely yours,


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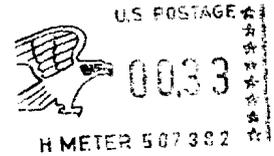
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