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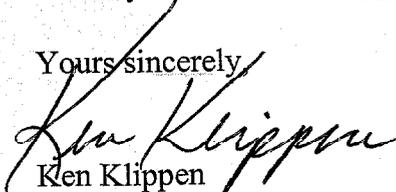
Dear Mr. Trotter:

This letter is in behalf of one of United Egg Producers' Board Members, Mr. John Hammond, Hillandale Farms, PO Box 2109, Lake City, FL 32056-2109. Mr. Hammond has filed a food additive petition on the use of irradiation for shell eggs (FAP8M4584) and has been anxiously awaiting a reply.

The President's Council on Food Safety has identified shell eggs as a high priority item in its targeted food items. In the Egg Safety Action Plan which involves the interagency working groups of FDA, USDA/FSIS and CDC, new emerging technologies are being encouraged including shell egg pasteurization as a "kill step". Shell egg irradiation demonstrates the potential for new technologies that fit into this "kill step". We respectfully request that a high priority be established for consideration of this food additive petition.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,


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