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Joseph Levitt, Director
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Dear Mr. Levitt,

I am a registered dietitian for the Inter Tribal Council of Nevada WIC Program and a member of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. I am writing in regards to the FDA proposal that bottled- water manufacturers be required to make available detailed reports of contaminants, just as public water utilities do. It will also require that labels of bottled water disclose where the water comes from. I strongly support this proposal.

Several areas in Nevada have naturally occurring arsenic in their public water supply, and infants, children, and pregnant women must drink bottled water. I am incapable of advising them on the safety of bottled waters without more information than is currently available. As a public health educator, I feel it is my duty to be as knowledgeable about safe food and water supplies as I can be. This information would equip me to give honest and complete information to my clientele, which is why I think this proposal is so important. I appreciate your interest and time.

Sincerely,

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