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Joseph Levitt, Director
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Dear Director Levitt:

Rather than just sending a little signed form, I wanted to write you personally on behalf of my husband, myself, our family and other concerned citizens all across our nation. I don't know if you see or even have time to read letters sent to you. I can only hope that you do.

We can all live without food, if necessary, for a period of time but the one thing vital for our survival is water. It is something we all take for granted - but should we? You would not be in the important position you hold unless you, too, cared deeply about the safety of the food, water and drugs the elderly, children, young adults and we in our 30's to 50's ingest on a daily basis. All of our lives are, in reality, in your hands.

Our family drinks only bottled water. Not because we want to, since it is an additional expense we don't need, but because the tap water is undrinkable. Please, as Director of the most important administration in our country, enforce the proposal to have all bottled-water labels disclose where their water comes from. You just may save many lives by doing so.

Sincerely,



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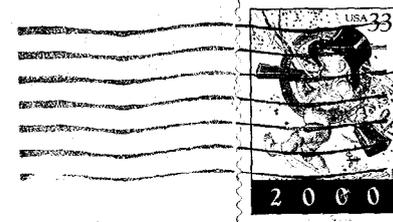
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Consumers have the right to know what's in their bottled water. As a member of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, I support the FDA's proposal that bottled-water manufacturers be required to make available detailed reports of contaminants, just as public water utilities do. All bottled-water labels should also disclose where the water comes from.

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