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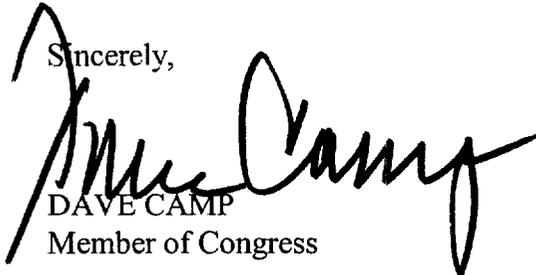
Dear Janice:

I am writing to encourage the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to expedite the publication for public comment of the petition filed with FDA of February 17, 2000, by the National Yogurt Association (NYA) to revise the Federal standard of identify for yogurt.

Based on the information I have received, NYA has proposed a revision which would enhance the current yogurt standard, while clarifying that yogurt is a food product containing a minimum level of specific live and active cultures. The proposed standard takes into account current industry practices and recognizes the need to allow for the use of future technologies. This proposed standard establishes a clear, consistent, modern, and flexible yogurt standard that will benefit both industry and consumers.

I would appreciate your letting me know the actions that have been taken to expedite the publication of NYA's petition to amend the standard of identity for yogurt. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,



DAVE CAMP
Member of Congress

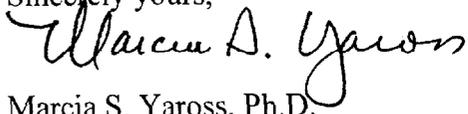
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft guidance document. Please feel free to contact me at 1-714-246-2362 should you require further information or clarification.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia S. Yaross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

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