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Dear Sir or Madam:

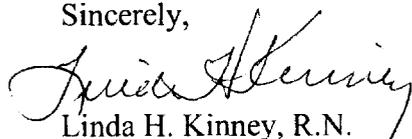
As a nurse, I was very impressed by the Nurses Health Study that calculated that people could reduce their risk of heart disease by 53% if they eliminate trans fat from their diet.

Public awareness is the first step toward eliminating trans fats from our food supply. Many food manufacturers do not control the trans-fatty acids produced. When processed foods MUST declare trans fat separately on the product labels, manufacturers will start reducing them.

Please amend your regulations to require the amount of trans fats in foods to be separately listed in the "NUTRITION FACTS" panel of labels, rather than continue to hide them in the "saturated fat" portion.

Thank you for pursuing this very important definition.

Sincerely,



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