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Dear Sir or Madam:

I have not received a response to my inquiry dated July 8, 2002 on behalf of my constituent, Avi Klammer, regarding a petition he filed that would cause the FDA to require expiration dates on canned food.

Please respond to my Staff Assistant, Ziv Tzvieli, in my Oakland district office, as soon as possible so that I may contact Mr. Klammer with the status of this case.

Your immediate attention to this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress

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**RE: Docket Number 02P-0166/CP1**

Dear Sir or Madam:

My constituent, Mr. Avi Klammer, has requested my assistance regarding a petition he filed with the Food and Drug Administration, referenced above. Enclosed, please find information which explains the situation.

Mr. Klammer is eager to see business practices changed so that canned food is more thoroughly regulated. Specifically, he finds that canned foods are not regularly labeled with expiration dates, allowing for less than fresh, and potentially hazardous, food to be sold to consumers. Mr. Klammer states that he himself once fell victim to food poisoning because of this lack of regulation. At this time, Mr. Klammer wonders as to the status of his petition.

I would appreciate it if you would investigate and comment on these concerns at your earliest opportunity. Please forward your correspondence in care of my Staff Assistant, Amber Maltbie, in my Oakland district office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Lee".

Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

