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Lester M. Crawford, D.V.M., Ph.D.  
Deputy Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane (HF-1/14-71/PKLN)  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Deputy Commissioner Crawford,

I urge you to develop a clear, consistent policy regarding the recall of foods with undeclared allergens, a policy that protects the millions of Americans who have food allergies.

I am Vijay Saigal, M.D.. I am a practicing allergist and treat patients all the time with life threatening food allergies to milk / peanuts / shellfish.

Patients are instructed to read ingredient labels very carefully since a mistake can be fatal. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that the patient be able to trust the accuracy. It is crucial to my patients to have ingredient labels that are accurate, reliable, and trustworthy. Equally as crucial, however, is to have FDA, the federal body in charge and recall food items with undeclared allergens.

I am sending a copy of this letter to The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN), and to my U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative.

Sincerely,

Vijay Saigal, M.D.

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