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Deputy Commissioner
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Rockville, MD 20857

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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.

As a practicing allergist I am well aware of the dangers, including risk of death, from ingestion of foods to which one is allergic. An FDA mandated recall of mislabeled food can save lives. Ignoring the problem is irresponsible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene M. Kenigsberg".

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