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Dockets Management Branch  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 (HFA-305)  
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: **Docket #2004P-0202/CP1**

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing on behalf of the **Ohio Farmers Union**. At the Board meeting on February 5, 2005, the Board unanimously voted to strongly support the National Family Farm Coalition's Citizen Petition (Docket #204P-0202/CP1) which was filed on April 28, 2004, regarding Milk Protein Concentrates (MPC) and "Generally Regarded as Safe" (GRAS) standards.

A report released by the U.S. International Trade Commission on the Milk Protein Markets (for products and use) found that U.S. companies used 62 percent of imported MPC in processed cheese alone. According to NFFC's petition, however, MPC is not a legal ingredient in any food, whether it is imitation or awarded a standard of identity. Furthermore, the Food and Drug Administration nor the companies that use MPC freely in its products, have any scientific proof that this product is safe for human consumption.

As consumers, we have the right to know what goes into the foods we eat and the expectation that the FDA is ensuring food safety. Under current conditions, these rights are not being met. The FDA's own rules state that food products containing non-GRAS ingredients are deemed adulterated and subject to enforcement action and market recall. However, there continues to be widespread presence of MPC in our food supply. We strongly urge support of the National Family Farm Coalition's citizen petition.

Sincerely,

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