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Mr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to request that the Food and Drug Administration adopt a policy that requires all food labels to disclose where the food is grown and/or made.

As a local elected official, it is important to support local agriculture and food producers. It is difficult to purchase local products, in support of local businesses, when produce in grocery stores is not labeled. Even some labels on prepared food do not disclose where the contents came from.

It would be very informative for consumers to know if foods are imported and where they are imported from. In addition to keeping consumers better informed, it would provide residents with the information that they need in order to shop for local products.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Rita K. Vogler, Mayor
City of Hesperia

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