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Re: Docket No. 97N-0074

Dear Sir or Madam:

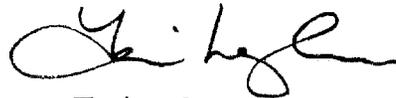
We understand the President's Inter-Agency Council on Food Safety has requested public input in developing a prevention-based food safety plan. Some problems regarding animal production that we feel should be addressed are: (1) overcrowding of animals, (2) subjecting them to stressful conditions and procedures, (3) feeding of chicken litter and feces, (4) rendering diseased animals into animal feed, (5) excessively using antibiotics and other drugs, and (6) transporting and slaughtering in unhygienic and inhumane conditions. These problems seem to be getting less and less attention, while they are the major source of food safety problems.

Regulatory authority at the production stage must be expanded and adequate funding actively sought. We feel that remediation of these issues would make great strides toward improving food safety while also improving conditions for the animals.

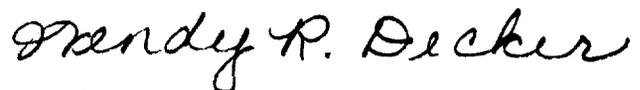
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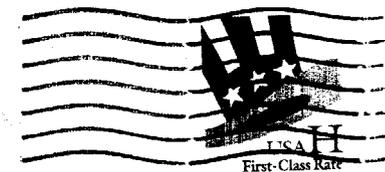


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