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Dr. Lester Crawford, D.V.M., Ph.D.  
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Crawford:

The presence of Acrylamide in foods as reported by the government of Sweden a few months ago, and now confirmed by other government and private laboratories, is an issue calling for effective communication and collaboration throughout the global scientific community. We are pleased that your agency is proceeding to analyze the U.S. food supply to help determine how ubiquitous is Acrylamide.

We are strong supporters of the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Nutrition (JIFSAN) workshop being planned for this fall. We want to encourage and endorse the active involvement of FDA in this important follow-up to the WHO meeting on Acrylamide. FDA's presence at this workshop and FDA's leadership in taking the necessary action to define and manage any food safety risk with Acrylamide will be critical to maintaining public confidence.

Food Safety is never a competitive issue and we are working with scientific colleagues around the world to address the Acrylamide question. We respect and appreciate FDA's strong and steady guidance of the Acrylamide issue both here in the U.S. and in global venues as appropriate.

Sincerely,



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