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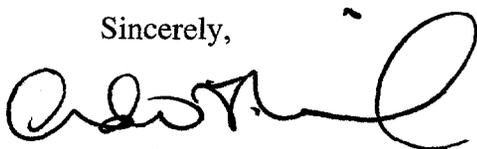
To Whom It May Concern,

On the issue of redefining the criteria of "FRESH" labeling on food products. While we support the development of non-chemical alternative processing of food, we feel strongly that the FDA criteria currently defining the term "FRESH", while not ideal, should remain in effect. Allowing redefinition at this time will create the potential both for consumer confusion and misleading claims.

We offer that any manufacturer should voluntarily list all processing performed (or not performed) on food items, before and after harvesting, along with a plainly worded explanation of those treatments, for the consumer to judge "FRESHNESS". This will help eliminate both confusion and misleading statements. In addition, this will allow for considerable consumer education and autonomy in choosing a healthful diet.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Sincerely,



Andrew Weil M.D.



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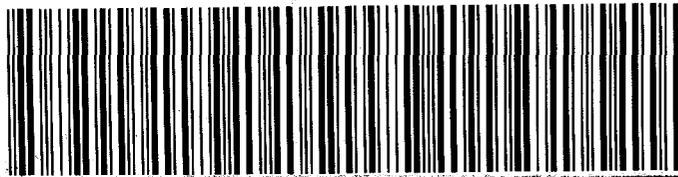
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