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Center for Disease Control
1600 Clifton Road, NE
The Director-in-Chief
Atlanta, GA 30333

Copies to: The Surgeon General, President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, 60 Minutes, Senators Cleland and Coverdell, Representative Chambliss, and The FDA.

Dear Director:

RE: The recent announcement by the CDC that obesity shortens life spans.

Obesity is not entirely the fault of those suffering from it. It is known that livestock producers feed livestock chemical additives which enables them to develop an increased appetite causing them to eat more at a faster rate thus fattening the livestock sooner. This allows producers to market their livestock sooner and thus reap a profit at a greater rate and frequency.

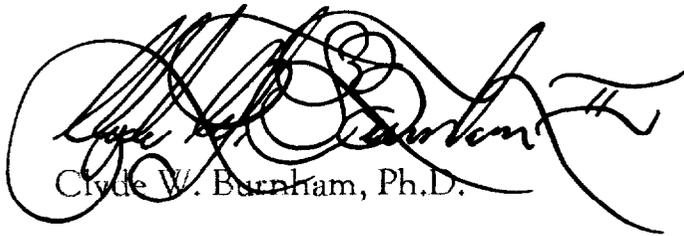
The problem caused by this method is that the chemical is passed on to the consumer with the result that those who consume it also receive an increased appetite from the chemical additives. This increase results in obesity. Were this method eliminated, the increased hunger and the resulting obesity would be eliminated. One does not need a study undertaken by medical science to realize the upsurge of obesity in this nation. It is quite apparent by viewing the nation's populace.

The livestock producers have chosen to increase their profits at the price of the health and lives of the consumer. Why has this method not been outlawed by our Government? If, say, a perfume or soap were the

cause of obesity, it would surely be outlawed by the Government. If such a method is to be used by livestock producers, then a chemical additive could be developed which would not pass the inclination of increased appetites on to the consumer. Cognizant of the true manner in which politics is conducted and of human nature, I have to ask, *is it money from the livestock/food lobbyists which prevents our glorious leaders from banning the use of this destructive chemical additive?*

In the meantime, I do remain---

most sincerely yours,

A highly stylized, cursive handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clyde W. Burnham'. The signature is written over the printed name below it.

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