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Dr. Janet Henney, Commissioner  
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Dear Dr. Henney,

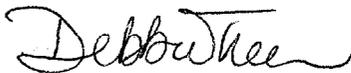
I was recently alerted that Frito-Lay and Proctor and Gamble would like to eliminate the warning label on their products containing olestra. Please do not let this happen! The warning label should either be enlarged and placed on the front of the package, or the product eliminated entirely.

My son and I ate some of these chips when they first appeared. I had not noticed the label, or I would never have bought them. I had seen a news report a long time before and had decided at that time that I would not eat olestra. Unfortunately, because the label was so small and hidden, I didn't realize that was why the chips were fat-free.

My eleven year old son and I had cramps and diarrhea for the rest of that day and night. It wasn't until the next morning that it dawned on me why, and I looked at the package and confirmed the olestra. This product should not be sold, or a huge warning should be placed on it. I can't believe a company is allowed to profit from such a disgusting side effect. I have no allergies and am not generally sensitive to food, but the reaction to these chips was immediate and serious. My son (who ate them in his lunch at school) was forced to come home from school and missed the afternoon.

The FDA would do the consumers a great public service by requiring the warning in bold print on the front of the package!

Sincerely,

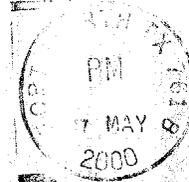


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