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Dr. Henney M.D.;

It has come to my attention that the companies currently using the additive "Olestra/Olean" are trying to persuade the FDA to eliminate the LITTLE label on their packaging that mentions Olestra/Olean may cause abdominal cramping and loose stools. I implore, you please do what you can to NOT let this happen. I have personally had a bad run in, if you will, with this product after eating just 12 chips manufactured with this additive. I experienced embarrassing situations and painful cramping along with the worst case of "loose stools" I can ever remember, which lasted at least 3-4 days. I can't imagine what would happen to the elderly or children that get a hold of this "garbage".

The warnings should be more visible on the packaging. Many people don't even look at the back of a chip bag. "Loose stools" is a very loose term. I would not consider what happened to me as a case of loose stools. I can't even think of the right words without jeopardizing the politeness of this letter.

I'm not sure how this kind of stuff gets on our grocery shelves, but it doesn't belong there.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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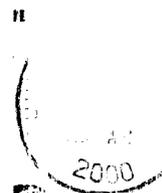


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