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Division of Dockets Management
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Department of Health and Human Services
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Re: FDA Petition - Docket #2006P-0205/CP1
"Petition for Mandatory Vitamin D Addition to Current Cereal-Grain
Enrichment"

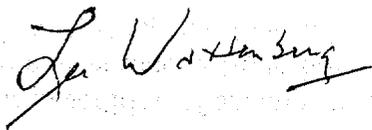
Support for the above designated petition.

Attention: Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

This letter is in support for the above designated petition which is to add Vitamin D to the five nutrients used to enrich (or fortify) cereal grain products, in conjunction with addition of calcium as proposed in a previous petition docket #2005P-0273, to products such as flour, bread, rolls, pasta, rice, corn flour, etc. The benefits of such an addition can be a significant reduction of osteoporosis and colon cancer resulting in the prevention of about 11,000 colon cancer deaths and 30,000 colon cancer cases annually and a similar effect on the reduction of the incidence of osteoporosis. The savings in health care costs are estimated at several billion dollars annually. The cost of calcium enrichment of cereal grain products is estimated to be less than \$30 million annually, or less than 10 cents per person per year in the United States, while the cost of Vitamin D addition is estimated at about \$5 million annually, or less than 2 cents per person per year. Thus the total cost of adding both calcium and Vitamin D to cereal grain products is estimated to be less than 12 cents per person per year in the U.S.A. The low cost of the requested Vitamin D addition provides an extremely attractive means of producing important health benefits to our population.

We urge the FDA to act favorably on this petition.

Sincerely,



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