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RE: A National Center for Nutrition Data Base Analysis, Coding and Training

Dear Colleagues:

On March 4, 1982, the Executive Committee of the Council on Epidemiology of the American Heart Association approved a motion of strong support for the continued and upgraded provision of a nutrition center to serve the national needs of cardiovascular, cancer and chronic disease investigations. Population studies, clinical trials and research demonstrations require available standards and updated data bases of nutrients and other compositions of food products, a standardized nutrition coding service with training in quality control of diet questionnaires, interviewers, and coding, and collaboration with researchers in these efforts.

The Executive Committee resolved to send this letter of concern about jeopardy to ongoing researches and calling for a continued and upgraded service and collaboration to investigators. Such a nutrition center should be provided the administrative and financial support recognizing, and adequate to, the clear national need.

Sincerely,

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