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Dear Senator:

I would like to make you aware that the predominance of opinion of those most experienced in research on coronary heart disease and fatty artery disease in this country and abroad, on careful review of all the evidence, is that the diet recommendations of the HEW-USDA in the pamphlet entitled Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans, are reasoned, moderate, needed and appropriate. These public health recommendations are greatly needed for the excess eating habits of much of the American population. The idea that pressure should be exerted to stop distribution of this significant and moderate document is antithetical to good science, good public health and good politics. We hope that this recommendation we have understood is made by you to the Surgeon General be dropped, or at least postponed until wider consultation is sought from the scientific community most qualified to make such public health recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

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