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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Thank you for leading the Olestra discussion as part of the Public Health Nutrition Seminar on Friday, May 17. The comments I heard afterwards included: "Wasn't that a great discussion?" "Why don't we do this more often?" "I could have stayed a lot longer to listen!" "He really is an incredible resource."

To hear you discuss your letter to the *NEJM* and your history with FDA is especially interesting in these seemingly profit-driven times; I especially appreciated your insights on prototype development. Testing a prototype in real-life situations is a huge responsibility for researchers in fields of science, just as testing a theory is a serious undertaking for change agents in any walk of life. You've provided much food for thought -- and I hope for action as well. I appreciate your and Mary Story's conversation that led to Friday's session!

Sincerely,

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