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Public Health Service

Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC)  
Atlanta GA 30333

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Ms. Elizabeth A. Nutt  
Chair  
Conference for Food Protection  
1085 Denio Avenue  
Gilroy, California 95020

Dear Ms. Nutt:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shares the Conference for Food Protection's (CFP) interest in promoting food safety through collaboration and partnership among federal, state, and local public health agencies, the food industry, academia, and consumer groups. I am pleased to respond favorably to all three issue recommendations accepted by the CFP that involve CDC.

CDC recognizes these issue recommendations as formalizing participation with the CFP, an important partnership which goes back several years. As you know, staff from CDC's Food Safety Office, CDC's Environmental Health Services Branch, and others are currently working with CFP.

CDC will be pleased to participate on the CFP's Executive Board, Council I, II, and III, the Training Committee, as well as other committees, as appropriate. Dr. Arthur Liang, National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-borne, and Enteric Diseases (proposed), Associate Director for Food Safety, will represent CDC on the CFP Executive Board and will attend the August 29-30, 2006, meeting in Rockville, Maryland. We look forward to continued collaboration with you and CFP staff to protect the health and safety of our nation.

Sincerely,

  
Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director