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Atlanta, GA 30333

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Patrick Guzzle, Chair
Conference for Food Protection
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Dear Mr. Guzzle:

Thank you for your kind words in your recent letter. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will continue to work with our food safety partners to reduce the burden of foodborne illness in the United States. We strongly believe that food safety is a winnable battle. We will continue to support efforts that strengthen the ability of our food safety partners to provide the American consumer with the safest food.

We are glad to hear about the success of the 2016 Biennial Conference for Food Protection meeting. CDC was grateful to be a part of that meeting. We cannot help but win when all of the stakeholders collaborate for the common purpose of food safety. Part of the common purpose will be an effort with our federal partners, namely, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), to reevaluate the consumer advisory in the 2013 Food Code.

The federal partners (CDC, FDA, and USDA) have begun to work on the Raw Animal Foods – Consumer Advisory issue recommended by Council 1 and approved by the Assembly of Delegates. The partners are reviewing the consumer advisory in the 2013 Food Code, determining steps forward (for example, convening focus groups), and working out a timetable in order to report back the findings to the 2018 biennial meeting of the Conference for Food Protection.

We look forward to working with you and other partners on this important food safety issue and providing an update at the next Conference for Food Protection meeting.

Thank you for your collaborative efforts to improve food safety across the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick N. Breyse".

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