



Consumer Federation of America



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Dear Frank:

Thank you for speaking with us about the additional measures Walmart will be implementing to improve beef safety. While our groups do not endorse corporate programs or have full knowledge of all the details of the Walmart meat safety program, we view it as good news when a retailer takes affirmative action to require its suppliers to meet safety standards that are more stringent than federal meat and poultry laws require. When the retailer is the largest in the world the news is even more welcome. Walmart also indicated that its standards and procedures will be completely transparent so the public will be able to see what the company is requiring. Such efforts at transparency are commendable.

We are pleased that Walmart is taking these additional steps to improve beef safety. We look forward to further discussions on improving food safety to protect consumers.

Sincerely,

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Director, Food Policy Institute
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President
S.T.O.P. – Safe Tables Our Priority

The Consumer Federation of America is a non-profit association of some 280 consumer groups, representing more than 50 million Americans, that seeks to advance the consumer interest through research, education and advocacy.

S.T.O.P. - Safe Tables Our Priority is a national, nonprofit, public health organization dedicated to preventing illness and death from foodborne pathogens. In 2010, S.T.O.P. will achieve its mission by advocating changes in public policy, educating and doing outreach, providing victim assistance, and formalizing a victims of foodborne illness registry in order to study the long-term consequences of foodborne disease.