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### Letter from Terry L. Medley to Henry Spira

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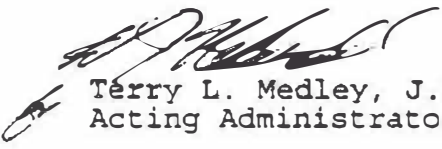
Dear Mr. Spira:

Thank you for your comments on the proposed strategic plan of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. We appreciate having your views.

We agree that there is an urgent need to focus on the causes and means of preventing food-borne illness from pathogens. Several agencies throughout the Department of Agriculture, including the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the Extension Services, and the Food Safety and Inspection Service, are taking a new look at conditions on the farm to determine whether they could be factors in the spread of pathogenic contamination of food animals. Secretary Espy also is interested in reexamining issues that may relate to food safety.

We appreciate having your ideas on on-farm preventive measures to reduce pathogens. You can be assured that dealing with the problem of potentially harmful pathogens in meat continues to be our top priority.

Sincerely,



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