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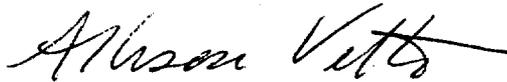
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I'm urging you to immediately approve publication of the proposed regulation on "Performance Standards for the Production of Processed Meat and Poultry Products." You must want to protect those most at risk to death from a Listeria outbreak, such as the elderly, pregnant women, unborn children, young children and those with compromised immune systems. Holding back publication, because the Chief of Staff has ordered a hold on all new regulations, raises the chance of preventable deaths.

Sincerely,



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