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Mr. Mark Kennedy
Director of Legal Affairs
Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
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Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition submitted by you on behalf of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) dated March 14, 2013. The petition requests that FSIS: 1) declare and regulate feces as an adulterant; 2) amend 9 CFR 317.212, 381.125(b)(2)(i), and 381.125(b)(2)(ii) to require that all meat and poultry product labels uniformly disclose the presence of feces; and 3) amend 9 CFR 381.96 to remove the word "wholesome" from the official inspection legend for poultry products.

Your request is being considered as a rulemaking petition under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(e)), USDA's administrative regulations (7 CFR 1.28), and FSIS's regulations on petitions (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the Office of Policy and Program Development for review, and it has been assigned petition number 13-02. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be made available to the public in the FSIS docket room and will be posted on the FSIS Website at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&_policies/Petitions/index.asp.

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Policy Issuances Division at (202) 720-5627 if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Williams
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