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SCHAKOWSKY DEMANDS ANSWERS FROM FDA ABOUT PET FOOD

WASHINGTON, DC.—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) sent a letter today to the Commission

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The letter to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner is attached below:

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Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D.
Commissioner
United States Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

Dear Dr. von Eschenbach:

I am writing to inquire about the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) role in inspecting pet food proces

Ontario-based Menu Foods recalled over 60 million cans and pouches of pet food processed in its Empo

At least one family in my own district has been affected by a sudden pet death. Their beloved cat, Max,

In a recent Newsweek article, David Elder, director of the Office of Surveillance and Compliance in the F

In order to determine what the FDA can do in order to prevent such future problems, I would like answer

- What are the FDA's current inspection and monitoring processes concerning pet food processing p
- How often are pet food plants inspected and how many pet food plants are inspected each year?
- Is the FDA making any changes to its pet food inspection policies to ensure that this type of situati
- Does the FDA need Congressional assistance – either through statutory changes or budgetary inc

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I would appreciate responses to my questions by April,

Sincerely,

Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress