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Subject: RE: America's food supply in DANGER
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Mr. Lake: Thanks for your correspondence. I do believe the safe transportation of food is a separate issue and should not be confused with the development of a system that would let businesses and the government trace the movement of food from the field to the fork.

While your situation sounds serious and important, your cause is best served through the legal system rather than through dealing with me. The FDA is taking comment from people interested in developing a good tracking system for produce. If you would like to weigh in, you can submit information to Deborah Harris, EDJ Associates, Inc., 11300 Rockville Pike, suite 1001, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-221-4326, FAX: 301-945-4295, e-mail: fda-cfsan_registration@edjassociates.com <mailto:fda-cfsan_registration@edjassociates.com> .

Thank you for your time and good luck,

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Subject: America's food supply in DANGER

You would of thought that one of the things that the Bush administration would have protected after 9/11 would have been America's food supply along with the Nuclear Power Plants and other high target industries. That is not the case! Let me show you what I have found!

Enclosed is an article by KEVIN FREKING, Associated Press Writer dated Oct 16, 5:12 PM EDT titled "FDA Seeks Advice to Improve Tracking of Produce".

Evidently the FDA has not been looking too hard. 1990-1998 Congress passed the Sanitary Food Transportation Act that had a provision for the tracking of all of America's food supply not just the produce. Along with many other provisions that we need to protect America's food supply from terrorism whether it is from hauling toxins then foods in the same trailers or from terrorist. This Act can be viewed at <http://www.comfortncolor.com/HTML/CompleteLaw.html>
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Unfortunately President Bush number one, President Clinton nor the current President Bush signed the Sanitary Food Transportation Act of 1990-1998 into law. However, the current President Bush signed into law the Sanitary Food Transportation Act of 2005. This Act only addresses the tanker trailers/trucks that haul our food supply it does not address the dry vans or the refrigerated trailers/trucks that haul most of America's food supply. In August 2008 I received an E-mail making me aware of the Guidance for Industry from the FDA titled "A Notice from the Food and Drug Administration to Growers, Food Manufacturers, Food Warehouse Managers, and Transporters of Food Products on Decontamination of Transport Vehicles" (Here is the link to this Guidance notice, <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/decongu2.html>
<<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/decongu2.html>>).

Unfortunately this Guidance notice did not address the day to day decontamination of trailers/trucks. It only addresses the decontamination of trailers/trucks that have been affected by flood areas or otherwise impacted by hurricanes. However, this sets a precedent for why all trailers/trucks that haul our food supply should be decontaminated.

It also shows a need for Section 5706 (Dedicated vehicles) of the Sanitary Food Transportation Act of 1990-1998.

I e-mailed Mr. Kashtock from the Guidance on September 06, 2008 and received his reply on September 22, 2008 enclosed are these e-mails. When you read the E-mails you can see that Mr. Kashtock did not understand that the Sanitary Food Transportation Act of 2005 does not address the issues.

I do not understand WHY it has taken the FDA more then three years to write the regulations specific to food transportation pursuant to the Sanitary Food Transportation Act of 2005, especially when it only addresses the transportation of less then 1/3 of America's food supply.

Recently (September 29, 2008) Andrew Amelinckx of the Hudson-Catskill Newspapers Corp. has written an article titled Food for thought: Charles Lake works to prevent food from getting contaminated during transport (see enclosed). This is one way I have been trying to inform the public of this issue. I have done several shows for public access that can be viewed on my web site on this subject (<http://www.comfortncolor.com/HTML/PoisoningPage.html> <<http://www.comfortncolor.com/HTML/PoisoningPage.html>>).

You would have thought that when Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson resigned, warning of a potential global outbreak of the flu and health-related terror attacks, ("For the life of me, I cannot understand why the terrorists have not attacked our food supply because it is so easy to do," he said. Reported on Dec. 3, 2004); the Bush administration would have issued guidance or regulations specific to daily procedures for food transportation operations because the food industry is a high target industry.

Mr. Kashtock is not only part of the FDA but he is also part of HHS according to his E-mail address and still doesn't get it!

If you would like to help me inform the public about this subject PLEASE contact me.

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