



## Consumer Federation of America

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Dear Friend –

You've seen the media reports. National and local newscasts have told the stories of thousands of Americans getting sick after consuming common, ordinary foods—spinach, peanut butter, peppers, lettuce, sprouts, and more – contaminated with *Salmonella*, *E. coli* O157:H7, and other pathogens.

A year ago the U.S. House of Representatives acted to protect consumers from these foodborne disease outbreaks. They passed a bill that requires the Food and Drug Administration to prevent contaminated food from getting to your market. Multiple surveys show over 90% of Americans want the federal government to take action to protect the safety of both domestic and imported food and the House bill provides the FDA with important authorities and tools to help assure that the food we eat is safe.

**But the U.S. Senate has not acted.** During the year since the House passed its bill there have been over 60 recalls of contaminated FDA-regulated food. Every day that passes without Senate action is another day that Americans are exposed to an unnecessary risk.

You can help reduce the risk of foodborne illness.

**Tell the U.S. Senate to stop stalling.** [Ask your U.S. Senators](#) to call for an immediate vote on S. 510, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act.

You can read more about this bipartisan legislation at the [Make Our Food Safe website](#).

Thank you for all you do!

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