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The Honorable Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Energy and Commerce
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

On Tuesday, September 14, the subcommittee will hold a hearing related to the recent *Salmonella* outbreak and egg recall, at which officials from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will appear. I strongly feel that Dr. Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner of the FDA, should be in attendance at this event. Since the outbreak, she has appeared in the media, warning consumers about the effects of eggs, and also calling for passage of legislation that will "put in place these preventive controls and hold companies accountable". Dr. Hamburg can and should bring other top-level FDA officials if she feels that she would be able to respond more fully to questions, but this is an opportunity for her to appear before the committee to restate her commitment to food safety and measures that will protect consumers.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Michael Burgess
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Chairman

The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member