



S.T.O.P. - Safe Tables Our Priority

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Jim Doyle, Governor
State of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7863
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Dear Honorable Governor Doyle,

We are writing today because of the heroic decision that you arrived at in vetoing the 2009 Wisconsin Senate Bill 434 in its entirety. You have undoubtedly saved lives and prevented tragic illnesses from occurring. Thank you.

S.T.O.P. is an Illinois based national, nonprofit, public health organization dedicated to preventing illness and death from foodborne pathogens. In 2010, S.T.O.P. will achieve its mission by advocating changes in public policy, educating and doing outreach, providing victim assistance, and formalizing a victims of foodborne illness registry in order to study the long-term consequences of foodborne disease. Our organization has been working with thousands of foodborne illness victims nationwide and their families and communities for over 17 years. We came into existence after the *E. coli* outbreak that occurred at the Jack in the Box chain restaurants on the west coast in the early 1990's. This outbreak caused at least 4 children to die and over 700 to fall sick.

The horrors of foodborne illnesses are real to our thousands of members. We have met parents who have seen children suffer through brutal illnesses from raw milk. Parents who thought they were giving their children a healthful alternative, only to bear witness to the harmful effects of foodborne pathogens. You have renewed our hope that when the large body of scientific evidence is presented that our governing bodies shows rational and life saving decision-making. Again, thank you.

If anyone involved in future Wisconsin food safety legislation ever requires our assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our organization.

With our most sincere appreciation,

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