



America's Voice for Safe Food

S.T.O.P. In Action - Fall 2009
Honoring S.T.O.P. Members FDA Reform Efforts

**You're Invited to Our Fall Teleseminar
On Wednesday, October 14th**



FDA Reform: Food Fight in the Senate



**Submit questions to our experts ahead of time.
See back of card for more details on the expert panel
and how you can participate.**

Join us as S.T.O.P. -
Safe Tables Our Priority
presents a call-in teleseminar
on FDA reform legislation in
the Senate.

Wednesday, October 14th
8:30-9:15 p.m. Eastern
866-866-2244, pin 1483455

R.S.V.P. by October 12th to
mail@safetables.org or
call 847-831-3032

Senator Dick Durbin and Mike
Taylor of FDA will discuss the
Senate's FDA reform bill.

Learn how you can make a difference!

Due to the large volume of expected callers, please submit your questions about the proposed legislative reform ahead of time by 10-7-2009 to mail@safetables.org or 847-831-3032

September 10, 2009
S.T.O.P. Executive Director on Mom's Rising Blog

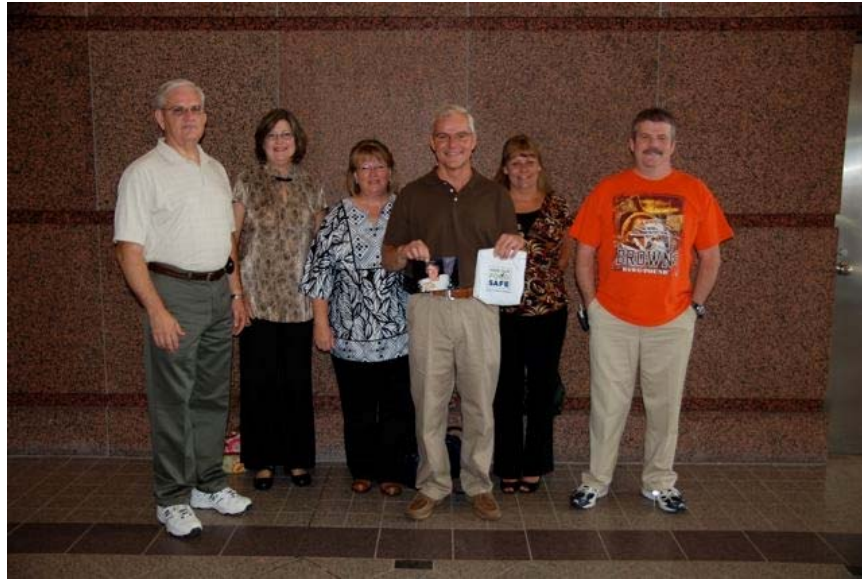


Here is an excerpt: Today, victims of foodborne illness, including mothers and their children, are dropping off lunch bags to Senate offices in Washington, DC and Senate offices in several communities throughout the country. These mock-up lunch bags detail the potential health hazards that may exist in common lunch items such as sandwiches, snacks, berries and juice- foods that caring moms across the country are packing up to send their kids back to school with, and foods that we take for granted as being safe.

As the executive director of S.T.O.P.- Safe Tables Our Priority, an organization that has been supporting thousands of victims of foodborne disease for the past 16 years, I can tell you that legislative reform for FDA-regulated foods is sorely needed. FDA regulates 80% of the food supply and many of the products that we send with our kids to school in lunch bags. However, inspection by FDA of domestic food plants only happens on average once every 10 years. Imports are even worse, with a yearly inspection rate of only 1% of all foods that enter the United States.

To view the blog visit: <http://www.momsrising.org/blog/food-safety-reform-needed-now/>

September 10, 2009
S.T.O.P. Members in Ohio and North Carolina Visit
Senate Offices to Talk About FDA Reform



The Napier family of Ohio visited Senators Brown and Voinovich to tell about their mother Nellie's death from contaminated peanut butter. Nellie Napier was the 9th and final victim of the recent peanut butter outbreak of 2009. The Napiers also went to Washington DC in April with S.T.O.P. to speak at a press conference and visit congressional offices.



In North Carolina, S.T.O.P. members Greta Lint and the Stadler family visited Senator Burr's office to share their stories and to advocate for stronger food safety regulations. Greta's family became ill from contaminated salad and the Stadler family had a premature birth due to *Listeriosis*.

To view news coverage of their efforts please visit:
<http://www.wxii12.com/video/20839393/index.html>

September 2, 2009
S.T.O.P. Attends Press Conference with
Senator Harkin to Urge Reform



S.T.O.P. member Dana Boner traveled with Executive Director Donna Rosenbaum to a press conference with Senator Harkin (D-IA). Dana was able to speak personally with the Senator and tell him about her daughter Kayla's death due to *E. coli* O111 in 2007. Harkin has since become the chair of the Health Education Labor and Pensions (HELP) committee which will be writing the Senate's bill on FDA reform.

July 30, 2009
H.R. 2749 - Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009 Passes



S.T.O.P. would like to thank our members for their numerous phone calls, e-mails and visits to Congress. It was because of your efforts that this bill passed the House. In late April, 40 S.T.O.P. members from across the country came together with the "Make Our Food Safe" campaign to call for tougher FDA food safety laws. The two day event included advocacy training, a press conference where S.T.O.P. members who had lost loved ones were asked to speak, and individual meetings with House and Senate members on the importance of passing FDA reform legislation. Since the passing of H.R. 2749, S.T.O.P. is focusing our efforts on strengthening legislation in the Senate. Above, Congresswoman DeLauro (D-CT) speaks with Colette and Dana Dziadul. When living in Connecticut, Dana became ill from *Salmonella* contaminated cantaloupe served at an Easter brunch.

May 26, 2009
S.T.O.P. President Speaks at Durbin Press Conference



In support of FDA Reform, S.T.O.P. President Nancy Donley was asked to speak at Senator Durbin's (D-IL) press conference in Chicago. As Nancy said, "We need safe food. We deserve safe food now." Over the following months numerous conferences, letters and visits were made by S.T.O.P. members in support of reform.

March 2009
Shirley Almer's Family Meets with Senator Klobuchar



In March of this year three of Shirley Almer's children met with Senator Klobuchar (D-MN) in Washington DC with S.T.O.P. to discuss FDA reform. Shirley was the first known victim of the PCA peanut product outbreak. Shirley's son Jeff has said, "I was outraged about food contamination before, but now with the death of my mom, I wanted to do something."

S.T.O.P. Needs You!

Individual donors are a vital part of S.T.O.P.'s fight against contaminated food. Your tax-deductible donation will allow us to assist more victims, educate more families and influence safe food policy by reaching more government officials. Everyone eats, everyone is at risk. Please support our fight for safe food. Join us and make your voice heard.

Please make your gift today:

<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/SafeTablesOurPriority-ST/OnlineDonation.html>