



Kids Want Safe Food Too!

Kids and grownups can help families get safer food together!

Kids' Activities

- 1) Do you have a friend who got sick? Or do you just think food should be safe? Write a letter to First Lady Laura Bush at the White House to tell her that food should be safe. In your letter, you can talk about these things:
 - Do you think food should be safe?
 - Do you think the President should make sure food is safe?
 - If you have a friend who got sick from food, what would you like the President and First Lady to know about him or her?
 - How does it make you feel when your friend can't play with you because she or he is sick?
 - What would you do if you were President?
- 2) Draw a picture of yourself and your friend.
- 3) Draw a picture of the food that you like to eat best and how it makes you feel when you know that your food is safe and good for you.

Then, give your letter and picture to a grownup to mail to S.T.O.P. for you.



Important Note for Grownups: Send completed letters to S.T.O.P. – Safe Tables Our Priority so that we can present them to the First Lady at a news conference. S.T.O.P.'s address is

S.T.O.P. – Safe Tables Our Priority

PO Box 4352

Burlington, VT 05406

The date we must receive the pictures and letters by is **August 11th, 2002.** Questions? Call S.T.O.P. at 1-800-350-STOP!



Grownups Want Safe Food Too

Three Simple Steps to Safer Food

- 1) **Sign**, and ask others to sign, a petition supporting safer food legislation. Send completed petitions to **S.T.O.P., PO Box 4352, Burlington, VT 05406** before August 11th, 2002.
- 2) **FAX a letter to your Congressperson** asking him/her to take every possible action to make food safe from life-threatening germs. If desired, you can give specific action suggestions, like supporting pending legislation. But it's most important that they hear from you that you're very concerned about the issue and that as a voter, you want them to make it their top priority.

A sample form letter is below. Need to find the fax number for your local Representative or Senator? Locate your Congressional delegates online at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov, or call the US Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.

Sample letter to Congress:

Dear Senator/Representative _____,

When 2½-year-old Kevin Kowalcyk died of *E. coli* O157:H7 last August, he was one of 5,000+ Americans killed by foodborne disease each year. His death left his family and community reeling with a new understanding of the pain and horror American children suffer because of outside contamination of food that could have and should have been prevented.

I believe that our Congress has a responsibility to stop the needless tragedy that is being perpetuated on hundreds of thousands of families each year by unhealthy food production processes and ineffective regulatory oversight.

You can do this by:

- Giving the USDA mandatory authority to recall contaminated food from grocery shelves (the way that defective tires and toys are already recalled);
- Strengthening microbial testing of meat and poultry;
- Using the power of your office to ensure that existing laws are being implemented and enforced in ways that maximize consumer safety; and
- Creating a single agency dedicated to food safety to eliminate the conflicts of interest and gaps that currently hamper our food safety net.

On behalf of my family and families everywhere, I urge you to make it your highest priority to clean up the systemic poisoning of our food with deadly pathogens.

Sincerely,

- 3) **Join S.T.O.P.'s e-mail instant alert team** by sending an e-mail with your name and the subject heading "Join E-Team!" to feedback@stop-usa.org.