

June 25, 2007

Mr. Cal Dooley, President FPA/GMA 1350 Eye Street NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Dooley:

Today, a dozen toxicology experts have urged the Food and Drug Administration urgently and carefully to review a new study that found that aspartame increased the incidence of cancer (lymphomas and mammary cancer) in laboratory animals. The study was large, long, and apparently carefully designed and conducted. The study corroborates and extends a previous study conducted by the same European Ramazzini Foundation, in Bologna, Italy, that also found that aspartame caused cancer in animals, but those findings were discounted by the FDA and European Food Safety Agency.

I invite FPA/GMA to join our call for the FDA to review the new study as soon as possible. And I urge you to advise companies that market foods that contain aspartame (NutraSweet, Equal) to reconsider their use of this chemical. (CSPI has previously raised questions about the safety of two other artificial sweeteners, acesulfame-K and saccharin, but not sucralose.) Switching to safer ingredients now could be a wise precautionary action.

Sincerely,

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