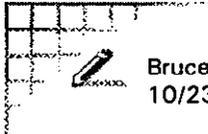


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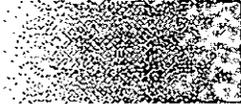
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Subject: Food safety budget

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Subject: Food safety budget

The final food safety numbers are a significant defeat in our effort to meet the commitments we have made in the President's Food Safety Initiative. While USDA received \$48.829M; \$2.829M more than its request, FDA received only \$25M; half of its request. Placing these numbers in further context illustrates the problem. Virtually every report on the nation's food safety needs has identified the funding problems at FDA (e.g., the NAS report stated FDA has "insufficient resources to meet its statutory obligations.") This budget missed an opportunity to lessen the problem. FDA also took budget hits of \$30M, as no funds were added to provide for mandated salary increases and inflation, and \$50M, because no funds were added to implement the FDA reform legislation passed by Congress. I know we did a lot better on food safety than we could have, but our negotiators should have insisted on at least a 50/50 split between USDA and FDA of added food safety dollars.

Here are the final numbers on the Food Safety Initiative, not including the \$5M part that went to CDC:

Total from the Ag. portion: 73.829 million

- FDA: 25. million
- FSIS: 16.467 million
- Chief Econ: .098 million
- ERS: .453 million
- ARS: 10.98 million
- FNS: 2. million
- CREES: 16. million
- AMS 2.831 million



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Subject: food safety

Sally Chadbourne (Obey) called this afternoon to report that the majority has changed the allocation of our \$23 million food safety addback. Tim Sanders (Skeen) and Sally report that FDA told them that they can not spend the \$9.9 million in the original allocation on food safety and that if they get it they would propose to reprogram it to other activities later in the year.

Needless to say, Tim decided to reduce the \$9.9 million to \$5 million (allocating the balance to various USDA agencies). Their current plan is to allocate the \$23 million as follows:

FDA \$5
FSIS \$8m
Cooperative State Res, Ed and extension \$3.9 million
ARS \$3.6
AMS \$2.8

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October 20, 1998

Mr. Bruce Reed
Assistant to the President
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Executive Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Reed:

On behalf of CSPI's one million members, I am writing to thank you for the efforts of you and your staff to restore funding to the National Food Safety Initiative. The final agreement to fund over three-quarters of the President's request represents a significant victory for consumers, and it would not have happened without the active participation of your office.

From the time that it first became clear that the funding was in trouble, your staff worked tirelessly to ensure that we knew the White House's commitment to the funding was unwavering. Tom Freedman, in particular, coordinated between numerous government agencies and constituencies and provided strong leadership and support for those of us working on the front lines to get the funding restored. The Administration's efforts were crucial to the victory when the Senate voted to increase the funding for the Initiative from \$2.6 million to \$68 million. In addition, when the final agreement was negotiated, the White House again requested full funding, which resulted in an increase in the Agriculture portion of the funding from \$52 million (the Conference Committee recommendation) to \$75 million. In my 10 years as a lobbyist and consumer advocate in Washington, it is the first time I can recall such active involvement from the White House to restore food safety funding.

I hope that next year, we can use this experience to make sure that future requests for funding of the President's Initiative meet less resistance in Congress. On this point, members of the Safe Food Coalition, coordinated by Carol Tucker Foreman, will be seeking a meeting with you to discuss next year's food safety budgets and our opposition to the inclusion of deficit-reduction user fees.

We hope to continue to work closely with your office to ensure that Congress understands the importance of food safety to the American public. Thanks again for your tremendous food safety leadership.

Very truly yours,

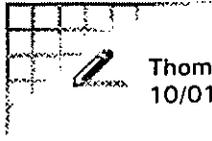
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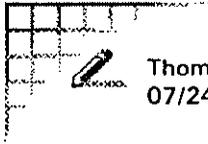
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To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
cc: Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP, Mary L. Smith/OPD/EOP
Subject: Food safety

Word is that the ag. bill negotiations are still on-going -- food safety being stuck at \$52 million of new money. I've talked to Harkin's guy (sponsor of the senate amendment) and Weatherly at OMB to reinforce that we shouldn't be satisfied with \$52 million. Folks say you should remind Lew/Stein that the Senate voted for \$66 million, (we had about \$96 million in our original), and we should keep pushing at least for an additional \$14 million.

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To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
cc: Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP
Subject: NYT food safety editorial today

Dorothy Samuels wrote this. Any guidance you can give Larry S. or Jack L. that this is an administration priority

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HEADLINE: A Food Fight Worth Waging

BODY:

President Clinton has asked Congress to provide \$101 million to bolster Government efforts to insure the safety of the nation's food supply. The funds would be used to deploy more food safety inspectors and new technology, expand research into the causes of and solutions to food-related illness, and educate consumers and retail food outlets on the safest food handling practices.

There is growing public concern about the large number of food-caused illnesses, including some from unexpected sources like the salmonella in cereal that sickened 200 people in 11 states last month. Indeed, Mr. Clinton's initiative could well be stronger. But he is having a hard time getting the

Republicans who control the House and Senate to furnish even the modest sum he has requested.

The House has allocated just \$16.8 million for the program, far short of the amount required to make serious headway against the hazards associated with bacteria, viruses and parasites in food. The Senate's original response was even more grudging. The Agriculture spending bill that hit the Senate floor last week set aside a measly \$2.6 million. But it finally dawned on lawmakers that this could be a tough position to defend to voters. Senator Tom Harkin, Democrat of Iowa, then won approval for an amendment to increase the appropriated amount to \$68 million. That is progress, but well short of what is required. Surely food safety is at least as important as some of the pork-barrel projects buried in the transportation bill.

The issue now moves to a House-Senate conference committee. Some lawmakers

have argued that money for new programs is tight this year, and that some of the Food and Drug Administration's responsibilities could be delegated to state and local governments. But health officials estimate that food-borne diseases account for up to 30 million cases of illnesses and 9,000 deaths a year. Imported foods, which are only rarely inspected now, increasingly contribute to the problem. This is hardly a time to be diminishing the Federal Government's role. Congress should find the money to finance the White House food safety initiative, and then promptly attend to the Administration's proposals to strengthen the policing authority of food agencies.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The Harkin Amendment Restoring \$68 million to the President's Food Safety Initiative

I welcome today's 66-33 vote to restore much needed funds to our food safety programs. Food safety should not be about politics; instead it must be about protecting our families and children. Today, the Senate put Americans first and partisanship last. With this money we will be able to improve safety inspections of foods, better educate the public on how to handle food safely, improve research, and aid the effort to track food borne outbreaks such as salmonella and e-coli. We must continue to work together in the coming months on this issue and on the many other issues which the American people care about. The American people want action, not political wrangling.

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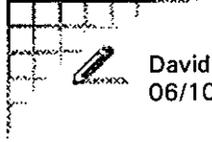
Subject: Food safety funding.

The House and Senate Ag approps food safety numbers are in and we did poorly. As you may recall, our request was for a \$101M increase (\$91M from Ag approps for USDA and FDA, and \$10M from HHS approps for CDC). Senate Ag approps marked up yesterday and provided \$0 increase for FDA and USDA for food safety. House Ag approps marked up today and gave FDA only \$9M (it may be worse than that because I believe they cut FDA by \$9M elsewhere in its budget). USDA received only \$6M. So to recap: we asked for \$91M from Ag approps, the Senate gave us \$0, the House gave us \$15.

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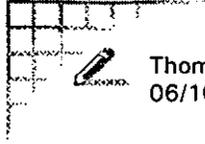
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Given the public understanding of this issue, it would seem to make sense to contemplate both a dispute about these provisions on the House/Senate floor as well as an event to criticize the Appropriation Committee action.

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Subject: Re: Food safety funding.

I agree. I suggested to Rahm this budget issue would be a good radio address for this month. USDA should be sending over some figures showing this is also the most dangerous time of the year for food safety as well.

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Subject: More on food safety funding

I have heard from the food safety advocates who have been working the Hill in search of \$\$\$. They are lining up support for a fight to add \$\$\$ as the approps bill moves forward. They have had very positive meetings with staff for Daschle (Zabrae Valentine), Leahy (Ed Barron), and Harkin (Dan Smith), although Daschle's and Leahy's staff complained about the lack of Presidential effort to push for an increase. The advocates are also trying to reach Boxer, Murray, and Mikulski.

Senate full committee marks up today at 2pm. There is some effort being made to line up the votes in time for today's mark-up, but it is more likely that they are looking toward a floor amendment later on.

Kay -- does it make sense for you to call at least Daschle's and Leahy's staff today and let them know we are eager to help, including a Potus event at the appropriate time? (In addition to Zabrae, you might also talk to Bill Corr who has a strong background on this issue from his HHS days).

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