



January 27, 2009

American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
2519 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Minnix:

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We write to ask what AAHSA is doing to notify retirement homes and elderly care facilities that may serve institutional peanut products about this recall and insure that recalled products are not consumed. The elderly are more prone to a fatal salmonella infection due to age and other complications with health. In order to ensure that our parents, loved ones and senior citizens are protected we urge you to be diligent in your efforts to educate and work with your member institutions to pull these products off their shelves. Your communication may help to prevent more deaths and help to ease public fear.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Tim Marvin

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