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**AN OPEN LETTER TO PET FOOD MANUFACTURERS, WHOLESALERS AND  
RETAILERS**

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**DATE:**

**TO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_

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The intent of this letter is to advise you that I intend to avoid your pet food products (including chew toys, rawhide strips etc.) that come from China as well as those that rely on China to supply ingredients for their manufacture. Additionally, I will strongly advise my friends, family and colleagues to do likewise in an effort to spare them the grief of losing a beloved companion as the result of greed and lack of integrity. We are shopping smarter these days, reading labels more closely and researching the manufacturing processes of those who would supply us with food for our companion animals. It is my hope that this trend will continue and grow as more and more people become educated to the fact that they are paying good money to these purveyors of toxic contaminants and extenders to diminish the quality and length of their pet's life. Be advised that I (we) will be buying only products that have a reasonable assurance of purity and safety even if they cost a bit more or cause us to change how and where we shop for them.

Unfortunately, we have, over the years, gotten used to cheap, shoddy merchandise from China as well as other countries. We can probably tolerate this (at least for now) when it affects only non-critical items like kiddie pools, lawn furniture and the like but we want you to understand that we are not willing to cut corners with regard to our pets health and well-being by supplying them with substandard food. Other cultures may view things a bit differently but, to us, our pets are as dear to us as our children and we are devastated by their loss, particularly when it is unexpected and unnecessary. We are not willing to allow a nation of manufacturers who are not above using toxic melamine to artificially enhance the apparent protein content of their infant formula to play any role in the process of supplying our pet's nutritional needs. We are not willing to allow a nation of manufacturers who offer and accept bribes and kick-backs to overlook shoddy manufacturing methods and negligent quality control practices to supply raw materials or finished products for our pet's food. We are not willing to allow a nation of manufacturers who place their profit margin above the integrity of their product and thus above the value of our companion's life to be enriched while we tearfully bury our beloved pets.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter

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