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Dr. Roger L. Williams, CEO
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Dear Dr. Williams & Friends:

Congratulations to the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP), on the occasion of its release of the *Seventh Edition* of the *Food Chemicals Codex (FCC)*, a compendium of internationally recognized standards for the purity and identity of food ingredients.

This work is an essential component of our nation's food safety network. Your research supports the work of the FDA in protecting the safety of our nation's food supply. By extension, the FCC advances the public health by helping to ensure the identity, purity, quality and consistency of food products.

I also applaud your commitment to professional excellence. Your high standards go a long way toward maintaining public confidence in the quality of our food supply. It is a privilege to have such a great scientific-based food and food standards setting organization in the State of Maryland.

Best wishes for every success in this and all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara A. Mikulski".

Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator