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Dear representatives,

Please do not require these labels. Publicize the risk via the media and your excellent web resources and allow people to make balanced choices without fear. To require a label of this nature without any guidelines as to the relative risk of foods is not helpful to the consumer. It will alarm some people into overreacting, to the detriment of their general health; for others it will just add to the "well I guess everything will kill you these days" dismissal of warning labels in general. Since testing has proven that you cannot predict how much of this carcinogen is in any given type of item (e.g. ranging from none to excessive amounts in identical food items) a warning is useless.

Please don't further complicate my food shopping/restaurant dining. Don't add to my feeling of unavoidable doom by adding warning labels to foods I must continue to buy to achieve a balanced diet.

Perhaps as a compromise, manufacturers could list the compound in the nutrition information and give a range the content typically falls in. THAT would be helpful information. Restaurants/bakeries should not be required to post this but should be able to give range information on request.

IMHO. Thanks,
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