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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I'm writing to let you know that I'll soon be leaving my position at FDA as part of a succession plan that ensures both continuity in our Foods and Veterinary Medicine Program and great new leadership for the future.

On or about June 1st, I will bid farewell to FDA and pass the leadership baton to Dr. Stephen Ostroff, a true public health leader who for the past year has served so well as FDA's acting commissioner. As many of you know, Steve joined FDA in 2013, first as CFSAN's chief medical officer and senior public health advisor to me, and then as FDA's chief science officer and acting commissioner. Steve knows FDA. He knows our programs. And he is the perfect person to lead them into the future. The FDA Constituent Update addressing this announcement can be found at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/NewsEvents/ConstituentUpdates/ucm489570.htm>.

After almost seven years, this is the right time for me to move on to the next phase of my career. It's not an easy decision. This job has been an honor and a pleasure for me and remains as challenging and satisfying as ever. I am privileged to work with the most talented, passionate and resilient public servants on the planet and have learned enormously from them, as well as from our many stakeholders and partners elsewhere in government and in the consumer and industry communities. I'm especially grateful to you and so many others who have worked hard to pass, fund and implement the Food Safety Modernization Act.

Just so you know, this is not a retirement announcement. Our magnificently diverse food system is full of challenges and opportunities, and I plan to continue working toward its success, especially in settings where people lack regular access to sufficient, nutritious and safe food. I suspect our paths will cross again.

With much respect and appreciation,

Mike