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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
US House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Pelosi,

I am writing in response to disturbing reports detailing the unsafe food being provided to members of the National Guard currently stationed in Washington DC.

Members of the National Guard in several states—including at least 30 from New Jersey—have become ill due to tainted and unhealthy food from a private-sector vendor. Some have even reported vomiting in the Senate parking lot. Alarming, the soldiers have noted receiving almost completely raw meat, some of which, according to press reports, even contained pieces of shaved metal.

It is my understanding that Sardi's Catering currently has the contract for food service. This contract should be voided, and a new provider of food needs to be found immediately. Furthermore, the provision of this food, whether intentional or not, warrants a thorough investigation.

The men and women deployed here from New Jersey and elsewhere to protect the Capitol deserve meals that are absolutely safe and healthful.

I appreciate the use of your offices and authority to expeditiously resolve this matter.

Sincerely,


CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
Member of Congress