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Bridgford Foods of Illinois  
170 N. Green Street  
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ATTN: Allan L. Bridgford, Senior Chairman

Dear Mr. Bridgford,

My daughter is just finishing up her senior year of high school, so believe me when I say, I have genuine respect for you being a Senior Chairman.

I enjoy your beef and pork snack products, especially the beef jerky. I recently enjoyed a bag of your Sausage Party Bites snacks, which I must say are better than the slim jim brand. Slim jims are just too skinny and greasy for my taste. Bridgford makes a fine meat stick with just the right diameter of thickness and no greasy mess (yet they are still so soft, moist, and chewy). I won't ask you for your secret to such a finely shaped and textured meat snack as I am sure that is quite confidential.

I don't usually eat your meat stick snacks in one sitting, but I was pretty hungry that day and I ate the entire bag at one time. (Not every single stick in my mouth at once – that would be dangerous). I didn't plan to eat them all at once, but once I started I just couldn't stop. Is it unhealthy for one person to eat an entire bag of Bridgford meat snacks in one sitting?

I was about  $\frac{3}{4}$  through the bag when I popped what appeared to be just another normal snack stick into my mouth. I bit down and felt a hard crunch instead of a soft meaty chew. This surprised me because only a few days ago I had a very similar experience while I was eating sausage links made by a very popular sausage manufacturer.

When I first bit into the Bridgford Sausage Party Bite, I thought it was just a coincidence. But as I chewed up the Bridgford Sausage Party Bite and carefully fished out the hard particle in my mouth, it got me thinking. Sausage is made from pigs. The national news recently has been inundated with stories about the swine flu outbreak and the death toll is now over 100 people! I wonder if the flu has any effect of weakening the bones or teeth of infected pigs. That might explain the recent infiltration of pig teeth and bones into not just one, but TWO popular sausage meat products in such a short period of time.



I took two photographs of the foreign object just in case you need to see both wide angle and a close up images.

I really enjoy pork snack and breakfast meat products, but this recent trend of bone or tooth particles in my sausage makes me reluctant to buy sausage until after the swine flu epidemic is resolved.

Do you have any safeguards in place to screen your pigs for illness before you slaughter them into sausage products? I wonder if you can outline those safeguards for me.

I was going to provide you with product identification information printed on the Bridgford Sausage Party Bites packaging, but I think my wife threw out the empty bag that I left sitting on my desk. Sometimes I am a sloppy fellow and leave used paper towels, empty milk jugs, and candy bar wrappers laying around the house. She most likely thought this was just another piece of un-discarded trash that I left behind.

Sincerely,

Rusty Lucas

p.s. I like to wear baseball caps when it is sunny outside. Now that summer is almost here, I am expecting it to be sunny a lot more. Do the Bridgford companies have any complementary baseball caps available for their consumers? I have never seen any in the stores, but I know that many companies make them up as novelty items for their employees and family members. My wife's company does that on occasion. Please send me a free Bridgford baseball cap.