

# STATEMENT

## on the Report of Federal Trans Fat Task Force

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**OTTAWA (June 27, 2006)** — Bill Jeffery, LLB, national coordinator of the Centre for Science in the Public Interest and a member of the Trans Fat Task Force, issued the following statement in response to the release of the Task Force's report.

*The Federal Trans Fat Task Force report recommends a clear course of action for ridding the Canadian food supply of trans-fat laden partially hydrogenated oils, and sparing the lives of hundreds, possibly thousands, of Canadians still dying annually from trans-fat-induced heart attacks. Industrially produced trans-fat is nothing short of a metabolic poison.*

*Now it is incumbent on Health Canada to draft regulations to achieve the aims set out by the Task Force. The clock is ticking. Speedily enacted regulations will ensure more Canadians' hearts keep ticking.*

*Meanwhile, responsible companies shouldn't wait for final regulations to switch to healthful oils. Restaurants, in particular, should protect their customers' health by disclosing on menus and signs their use of these toxins until they replace them.*

**Note to Editors:** Bill Jeffery is one of 23 members of the Trans Fat Task Force, which was co-chaired by Health Canada and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. While the Task Force Report was unanimous, the above Statement does not necessarily reflect the views of all Task Force members.

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