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Mr. Tim Konicek  
Director of QA/R&D  
Signature Breads, Inc.  
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Chelsea, Massachusetts, 02150

Dear Mr. Konicek:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Sustainable Materials Management Program, it is my pleasure to recognize Signature Breads, Inc. as the winner of the **2019 Food Recovery Challenge Food Manufacturers Award**. I congratulate your organization for successfully processing over 3,000 tons of bread and dough into animal feed.

Because of your successful actions to reduce food waste, Signature Breads, Inc. serves as an excellent example for other food manufacturers across the United States. Sharing your accomplishments, and the steps you took to achieve them, provides useful information to other organizations as they implement sustainable management of food activities. Your success, along with those of other Food Recovery Challenge participants, serves as a key component of EPA's contribution to the *Winning on Reducing Food Waste Initiative*, a collaborative effort among EPA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to reduce food loss and waste through combined and agency-specific actions.

EPA issued a press release announcing the 2019 Food Recovery Challenge award recipients, as well as shared their accomplishments on our EPA Sustainable Management of Food website ([epa.gov/reducefoodwaste](http://epa.gov/reducefoodwaste)) and through our **@EPALand** and **@EPA** Twitter accounts using the hashtag **#FRC Awards**. I encourage you to use your own social media to share your accomplishments and the benefits of reducing food loss and waste to inspire others to do the same. The strategies implemented by Food Recovery Challenge participants like your organization result in measured social, financial, and environmental benefits that contribute to the national goal to reduce food loss and waste by 50 percent by 2030. I look forward to a continued partnership with Signature Breads, Inc. through the Food Recovery Challenge and wish you future success in preventing and diverting wasted food. Congratulations on your award!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Salyer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kathleen Salyer, Acting Director  
Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery

cc: Nancy Barmakian  
Christine Beling