

# ! WARNING !

Eating 62.5 pounds of potato chips every day for life is bad for your health.



# **WARNING** **JUNK SCIENCE AHEAD**

Data from the Environmental Protection Agency show that a person of average weight would have to eat 62.5 pounds of potato chips, every day for life, before having any added cancer risk from **acrylamide**, a chemical that forms naturally when potatoes are cooked at high temperatures.

In 2004 Harvard acrylamide expert Dr. Lorelei Mucci told the late Pulitzer Prize-winning *Los Angeles Times* columnist David Shaw that **eating potato chips would raise our cancer risk from 30%—the risk we all face—to just 30.01%**. A 2004 National Institutes of Health Expert Panel expressed “negligible concern” about acrylamide. And the Food and Drug Administration has joined the World Health Organization in counseling Americans with **four remarkable words of advice: “Don’t change your diet.”**

But California Attorney General Bill Lockyer is suing potato chip makers anyway, hoping to force them to give their customers a needless fright with new warning labels. Acrylamide is also found in sautéed and roasted asparagus, spinach, and beets, but no one would dare suggest cancer warning labels in the produce aisle.

In August, FDA Commissioner Lester Crawford warned Bill Lockyer that needlessly scaring the public about nonexistent cancer risks in their food could be a violation of federal law. But Lockyer is doing it anyway—and for no good reason.

Cancer warnings should be reserved for risks that the public might actually encounter. For more information about the California Attorney General’s Deep-Fried Junk Science, contact Andrew Porter at 202.463.7112 or visit [www.ConsumerFreedom.com](http://www.ConsumerFreedom.com).