Henry Schein, Inc. 135 Duryea Road Melville, New York 11747

September 25, 2001

Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549

Attn: Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission

Re: Henry Schein, Inc. (File No. 0-27078)
Registration Statement on Form S-3

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Henry Schein, Inc. (the "Company") hereby requests the withdrawal of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Reg. No. 333-63594, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 22, 2001. The Company believes withdrawal to be advisable in light of current conditions in the securities markets and finds this action consistent with public interest and protection of its investors.

If the Staff has any questions or requires additional information, please do not hesitate to call the Company's General Counsel, Michael S. Ettinger, Esq., at 631.843.5500

Respectfully,

/s/ Steven Paladino

Steven Paladino
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cc: Securities and Exchange Commission

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