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Mr. Christopher D. Lischewski
President and CEO
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Dear Mr. Lischewski:

Under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the United States House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are investigating the safety of the Nation's food supply. The recent recall of canned food products and dog food produced by Castleberry's Food Company due to the risk of potential botulism poisoning is of particular interest in this investigation.

To assist us in this investigation, we request that you provide the following information, along with all related documents:

1. How and when did Bumble Bee Foods, LLC and Castleberry's Food Company first become aware that botulinum toxin might be in its products?
2. Where and when was the botulism contamination first detected?
3. When did Bumble Bee Foods, LLC and Castleberry's Food Company first notify, or when were they first notified by, Federal, State, and local officials of the contamination?
4. Please provide a list of all products that have been recalled due to potential botulism contamination.
5. Please provide the names of all companies to which Castleberry's Food Company has shipped canned food products and pet food in the last 12 months and the dates on which Castleberry's Food Company notified those companies of any suspected

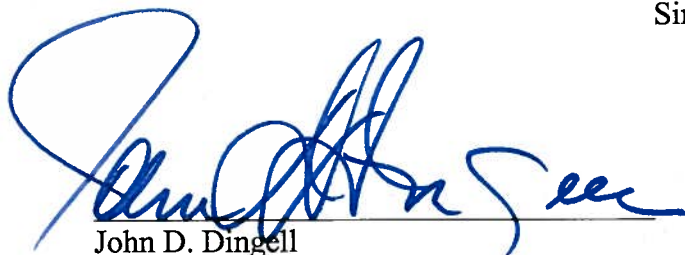
contamination. Please provide copies of all correspondence with those companies pertaining to suspected contamination.

6. Please identify the source of the contamination in the Augusta, Georgia plant and describe what inspections Bumble Bee Foods, LLC and Castleberry's Food Company have undertaken to detect contamination on its other facilities since alerted to the problems at the Augusta plant.
7. What steps has Bumble Bee Foods, LLC and Castleberry's Food Company taken to prevent further botulism contamination in its products?
8. When was the last time that Castleberry's Food Company's production facility in Augusta was inspected by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and State and local food safety officials? Please provide the dates of such inspections and the names of the officials, as well as all documents associated with those inspections and ongoing inspections.
9. Please provide all records relating to such inspections of any Bumble Bee Foods, LLC food processing facility for 5 years prior to July 18, 2007.
10. Please provide copies of all Bumble Bee Foods, LLC and Castleberry's Food Company internal protocols and standards for monitoring and testing of its food products and pet food, including the dates and copies of the results of such monitoring and testing that tested positive for microbiological contamination for 5 years prior to July 18, 2007.

Please refer to the attached letter regarding the definition of "records" and "related to."

We request you supply all requested information no later than the close of business two weeks from the date of this letter. If you have any questions relating to this request, please contact David Nelson or Kevin Barstow with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Chairman



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Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

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cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Ed Whitfield, Ranking Member
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ATTACHMENT

1. The term "records" is to be construed in the broadest sense and shall mean any written or graphic material, however produced or reproduced, of any kind or description, consisting of the original and any non-identical copy (whether different from the original because of notes made on or attached to such copy or otherwise) and drafts and both sides thereof, whether printed or recorded electronically or magnetically or stored in any type of data bank, including, but not limited to, the following: correspondence, memoranda, records, summaries of personal conversations or interviews, minutes or records of meetings or conferences, opinions or reports of consultants, projections, statistical statements, drafts, contracts, agreements, purchase orders, invoices, confirmations, telegraphs, telexes, agendas, books, notes, pamphlets, periodicals, reports, studies, evaluations, opinions, logs, diaries, desk calendars, appointment books, tape recordings, video recordings, e-mails, voice mails, computer tapes, or other computer stored matter, magnetic tapes, microfilm, microfiche, punch cards, all other records kept by electronic, photographic, or mechanical means, charts, photographs, notebooks, drawings, plans, inter-office communications, intra-office and intra-departmental communications, transcripts, checks and canceled checks, bank statements, ledgers, books, records or statements of accounts, and papers and things similar to any of the foregoing, however denominated.
2. The terms "relating," or "relate" as to any given subject means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, identifies, deals with, or is in any manner whatsoever pertinent to that subject, including but not limited to records concerning the preparation of other records.