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Dear Mr. Bilott:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations have opened an inquiry into the uses of the chemical Bisphenol A (BPA), particularly in products intended for use by infants and children.

As part of the Committee's investigation, we have begun looking into the activities of the Weinberg Group, a consulting firm that has worked on BPA and other chemicals such as PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid). We understand that you may have documents and records related to the Weinberg Group that may be relevant to our investigation.

We therefore request that you provide to the Committee the following:

1. All records related to publications, papers, studies, white papers, and articles authored and/or published by the Weinberg Group or its expert witnesses, spokespersons, experts, consultants, and panels;
2. All records related to the names and professional qualifications of any and all expert witnesses, spokespersons, experts, consultants, and panels identified or developed by the Weinberg Group;
3. All records related to any and all expert witnesses, spokespersons, experts, consultants, and panels identified or developed by the Weinberg Group, including any e-mails, memos, and correspondence, as well as contractual arrangements related to their work for the Weinberg Group;

4. All financial records related to any and all expert witnesses, spokespersons, experts, consultants, and panels identified or developed by the Weinberg Group, to include how much money they have ever received from the Weinberg Group, its subsidiaries, contractors, or subcontractors;
5. All records related to public relations programs developed, initiated, or carried out by the Weinberg Group;
6. All records, including any e-mails, memos, and correspondence, related to the Weinberg Group's work on Daubert standards or jury influence; and
7. All deposition transcripts or other records of interviews related to the Weinberg Group.

Please deliver copies of the requested records to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Room 316, Ford House Office Building, no later than two weeks from the date of this letter. Please note that for the purpose of responding to this request, the terms "record" and "relating" should be interpreted in accordance with the attachment to this letter. After review of the records, we may require additional records and/or staff interviews with you or your staff.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact John F. Sopko or Paul Jung with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Chairman



Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

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

The Honorable John Shimkus, Ranking Member
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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.