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The Honorable John D. Dingell, Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Bart Stupak, Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

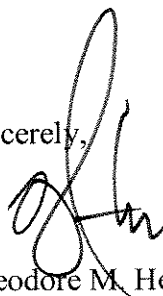
Dear Chairman Dingell and Chairman Stupak:

On behalf of my clients, Giant Food LLC ("Giant") and The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC ("Stop & Shop"), I am writing to advise you that both companies will discontinue the use of low-oxygen, modified atmosphere packaging of meat products later this month. Stop & Shop/Giant will continue to evaluate technology and labeling that maximizes the safety and quality of the package content while making it easier for customers to identify freshness.

Based on conversations I have had with Mr. Nelson on the Committee staff, it is my understanding that this decision by Stop & Shop/Giant addresses the concerns raised by your letter of September 13, 2007, to the CEO of Giant Food, and accordingly, that it will not be necessary for Stop & Shop/Giant to provide the Committee with the information requested by that letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Theodore M. Hester

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Ed Whitfield, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations