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The Honorable Deborah Platt Majoras Chairman Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Chairman Majoras:

The Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are exploring issues surrounding consumer fraud and safety in connection with dietary supplements. Given the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) role in consumer protection matters and, more specifically, its authority over advertising claims of dietary supplements, we request that the FTC provide Committee staff with a non-public briefing in order to inform them of the FTC's efforts in matters relating to healthcare fraud and dietary supplements.

In particular, the Committee requests that this non-public briefing focus on the following topics:

- Review of all dietary supplement enforcement actions initiated within the last five years, both closed and ongoing cases; and
- Discussion of the Dietary Supplement Enforcement Group and other coordinated efforts between FTC and the Food and Drug Administration to address healthcare fraud in connection with dietary supplements.

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If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact us or have your staff contact David Nelson, Senior Investigator, or Joanne Royce, Investigative Counsel, with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424. In addition, your staff should contact Mr. Nelson or Ms. Royce to make arrangements for this briefing.

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell

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

The Honorable Ed Whitfield, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations