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United States Government Accountability Office Washington, DC 20548

June 4, 2007

The Honorable John D. Dingell Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We received your letter dated May 14, 2007, jointly signed by Chairman Henry A. Waxman, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Chairman Bart T. Stupak, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, House Committee on Energy and Commerce requesting that the Government Accountability Office update its report "FOOD SAFETY: Improvements Needed in Overseeing the Safety of Dietary Supplements and Functional Foods."

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. To fully respond to your request, GAO plans to initiate work on this project in about three months when it is expected that staff with the required skills will be available. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment. Mr. Robinson or a member of his team will contact Ms. Joanne Royce to discuss the request and options for helping you meet your needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robinson at 202-512-3841 or Ms. Doris Cannon, Assistant Director for Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-4507.

Sincerely yours,

Gloria L. Jarmon

Managing Director for Congressional Relations

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