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S.M. "Skip" Oliva  
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Re: *In the Matter of Genzyme Corporation, et al., File No. 041 0083*

Dear Mr. Oliva:

Thank you for your comments on behalf of Citizens for Voluntary Trade ("CVT") regarding the proposed consent order accepted by the Federal Trade Commission for public comment in the above-captioned matter. Your letter states that

CVT takes no position regarding whether entry of the proposed order is in the "public interest." These comments serve simply as a formal statement of CVT's objections to the economic and political philosophy employed by the Commission in the prosecution of this matter.

The Commission has reviewed your comments in connection with its decision concerning whether to accord final approval to the proposed consent order, and has also placed your comments on the public record.

After appropriate consideration of your comments, the Commission has determined that the public interest would best be served by issuing the Decision and Order in final form without modification. A copy of the final Decision and Order is enclosed for your information. Relevant materials also are available from the Commission's website at <http://www.ftc.gov>.

It helps the Commission's analysis to hear from a variety of sources in its work on antitrust and consumer protection issues, and we appreciate your interest in this matter.

By direction of the Commission, Commissioner Harbour recused.

Donald S. Clark  
Secretary