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Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition  
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College Park, MD 20740

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify that the petition entitled, "Authorization of a health claim for monounsaturated fatty acids from olive oil and coronary heart disease" dated August 28, 2003 is intended for FDA's consideration under the significant scientific agreement (SSA) track. The North American Olive Oil Association believes the scientific evidence supporting the proposed claim meets the SSA standard, and we are asking the agency to issue an interim final rule for an unqualified health claim.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Dr. Guy H. Johnson, Johnson Nutrition Solutions [guy@nutritionalsolutions.net](mailto:guy@nutritionalsolutions.net) (269-353-5903) if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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