



Consumer Healthcare
Products Association

April 21, 2005

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Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-6)
Food and Drug Administration
5100 Paint Branch Parkway
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Re: Nomination for a Nonvoting Member Representing Industry Interests on the Food
Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Moore:

Members of the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) appreciate the opportunity to nominate an industry representative to serve on the FDA Food Advisory Committee, as requested in the *Federal Register* notice of March 22, 2005. CHPA, founded in 1881, is a national trade association representing manufacturers and distributors of dietary supplements and over-the-counter drug products.

Several CHPA members with dietary supplements products are affected by issues considered by the Food Advisory Committee (FAC) and are therefore interested in nominating a committee member to represent industry interests. On behalf of these members, CHPA nominates Gilbert A. Leveille, Ph.D., for this position. Dr. Leveille has extensive experience in the area of food research and technology, gained from positions held in both academia and industry. He is well known by industry and trade associations and has held key positions at General Foods Corporation, Nabisco Food Groups, McNeil Consumer Healthcare, and Cargill, Inc. Dr. Leveille is a consultant in scientific and regulatory areas related to food and nutrition, and he currently serves as a senior consultant for Cargill, Inc. Dr. Leveille is a member of several professional organizations with interest in the areas of food and nutrition, including the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), the American Society of Nutritional Sciences (ASNS), and the

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American Society of Clinical Nutrition, having previously served as president for two of the organizations (IFT and ASNS). He is extensively published in peer-reviewed journals and has received numerous honors and awards recognizing his expertise and talents.

The [curriculum vitae](#) for Dr. Leveille is attached. It reflects his knowledge, experience, and dedication to the field of food and nutrition. His firsthand knowledge of the field is a valuable resource to industry and FDA as they face emerging challenges in the area of food and nutrition. CHPA members strongly support Dr. Leveille's selection to the FAC, recognizing that having him serve on the committee would ensure that industry interests would be represented by someone with the background necessary to provide sound, scientifically based recommendations to FDA on important issues related to food products in the United States.

Should you need any additional information about Dr. Leveille, please contact me or Dr. Leveille. He can be reached at 973-366-7823 (phone), 612-850-5335 (cell), 973-366-4618 (fax), or gilbert_levaille@cargill.com.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: [Curriculum Vitae](#) and [List of Publications](#) for Dr. Gilbert A. Leveille