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Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Notice on Draft Guidance for Industry: Evidence-Based Review System for the Scientific Evaluation of Health Claims. 72 Fed. Reg. 37246-37247 (July 9, 2007).
Docket No. 2007D-0125.

Dear Dr. Trumbo:

The members of the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on FDA's draft guidance for industry on an evidence-based review system for the scientific evaluation of health claims (*72 Federal Register 37246-37247*). CHPA, founded in 1881, is a national trade association representing manufacturers and distributors of dietary supplements and over-the-counter medicines.

CHPA and its Dietary Supplement Committee (DSC) members appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the draft guidance. However, we feel that additional time is needed to adequately prepare our response. CHPA and its DSC members request that FDA extend the submission deadline an additional 60 days (*i.e.*, until November 6, 2007). An extension would allow interested parties to thoroughly review the draft guidance and to provide written comments, with any appropriate supporting evidence, to the Agency for review and consideration.

We thank FDA for considering our request and hope the Agency will grant our petition. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia D. Howard".

Marcia D. Howard, Ph.D.
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