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Re: Request for Nominations for Nonvoting Industry Representatives on the Food Safety Public Advisory Committee. 72 Fed. Reg. 32123-32124 (June 11, 2007)

Dear Ms. Jeletic:

The members of the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) Dietary Supplements Committee (DSC) appreciate the opportunity to submit nominees for the position of nonvoting industry representative on FDA's Food Safety Public Advisory Committee. Nominations were requested in the *Federal Register* notice published June 11, 2007 (72 *Federal Register* 32123-32124). CHPA, founded in 1881, is a national trade association representing manufacturers and distributors of dietary supplements and over-the-counter medicines. The DSC is nominating two candidates for the industry representative position on the advisory committee, both of whom are affiliated with CHPA member companies. The candidates' information is provided below (in alphabetical order). Their respective *curricula vitae* are also provided as separate documents.

George A. Burdock, Ph.D., a *diplomate* of the American Board of Toxicology, is the founder and president of the consulting firm Burdock Group. Prior to founding Burdock Group in 1988, he was the director of scientific affairs at the Flavor and Extract Manufacturer's Association (FEMA) for six years. Dr. Burdock has also held positions at the American Cyanamid Corporation and Hazleton Laboratories America, Inc. For nearly 30 years, Dr. Burdock has utilized his toxicology expertise in the area of safety for products such as food additives, food ingredients, personal care products, and dietary supplements. In his current role, Dr. Burdock provides safety and toxicology information on food, food

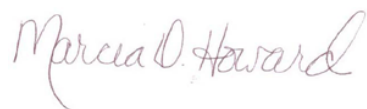
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and feed additives, and drug excipients to a variety of clients. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Botanical Council, the American College of Nutrition, the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), and the Society of Toxicology (SOT), and is the author of numerous publications.

Richard Cotter, Ph.D., is the assistant vice president of global scientific affairs at Wyeth Consumer Healthcare. Dr. Cotter has 30 years of industry experience in the areas of food and nutrition. Prior to joining Wyeth in 1996, he worked for Gerber Products Company, Clintec Nutrition Company, and Travenol Laboratories, Inc., in various capacities. In his current position, Dr. Cotter is responsible for current and new product development, and strategic planning, budgeting, and technical management of new business development. In addition to being a member of several professional organizations and associations, including the American Society of Clinical Nutrition, the Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), the International Food Technologists (IFT), and the Society of Toxicology (SOT), Dr. Cotter has received several awards and patents. He is also extensively published.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate candidates for the industry representative position on the Agency's Food Safety Public Advisory Committee. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you soon and to participating in the selection process.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: *Curricula vitae* for Dr. George Burdock and Dr. Richard Cotter

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