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May 20, 2008

Honorable John D. Dingell  
Chairman  
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Washington, DC 20515-6115

Honorable Bart Stupak  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
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Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request dated May 8, 2008 we offer the following response. Bush Brothers & Company is unwavering in our commitment to produce and distribute safe, wholesome food products. Our company has two production facilities located in Chestnut Hill, Tennessee and Augusta, Wisconsin. Based on our interpretation of the information requested, Bush Brothers & Company provides the following information related to items occurring on or after January 1, 2000.

1. A list of all food recalls and food safety alerts issued by your company.

Bush Brothers & Company has not issued any food recalls or food safety alerts.

2. For each brand or kind of product, please list all instances when internal microbiological testing was found to be positive for the presence of *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Cyclospora cayetanensis*, *Cryptosporidium*, hepatitis A, *Clostridium botulinum*, or *Listeria* in excess of the highest limit acceptable to the FDA or any State regulatory authority.

For each brand or kind of product, there were no instances when internal microbiological testing was found to be positive for the presence of *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Cyclospora cayetanensis*, *Cryptosporidium*, hepatitis A, *Clostridium botulinum*, or *Listeria* in excess of the highest limit acceptable to the FDA or any State regulatory authority.

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3. For each brand or kind of product, please list the instances when internal testing was found to be positive for the presence of a chemical contaminant at levels in excess of the highest limit acceptable to FDA or State regulatory limits.

For each brand or kind of product, there were no instances when internal testing was found to be positive for the presence of a chemical contaminant at levels in excess of the highest limit acceptable to FDA or State regulatory limits.

4. For products imported into the United States for handling or processing by any facility operated by your firm, please list the instances when internal or outside laboratory testing was positive for the presence of either a chemical or microbiological contaminant in excess of FDA or State regulatory limits.

For products imported into the United States for handling or processing by any facility operated by our firm, there were no instances when internal or outside laboratory testing was positive for the presence of either a chemical or microbiological contaminant in excess of FDA or State regulatory limits.

5. For each of the above items, please specify whether FDA was notified, and if not, why not.

Not applicable.

6. Please supply a list of all instances where FDA or any State regulatory authority was denied entrance to any facility or denied access to any records regarding microbiological or chemical testing performed on products processed at the facility.

There were no instances where FDA or any State regulatory authority was denied entrance to any facility or denied access to any records regarding microbiological or chemical testing performed on products processed at the facility.

If you have additional inquiries and/or need clarification regarding this information please contact Steve Harrison, Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs at (865) 558-5461.

Best Regards,



Jim Ethier  
Chairman and CEO

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