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The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman
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2125 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Dingell and Chairman Stupak:

This responds to your letter of May 8, 2008 to Unilever Americas that requested information relating to food safety issues. We have previously communicated with Mr. Kevin Barstow of the Committee's staff who extended the due date for this initial response to June 5, 2008. We appreciate your providing additional time to prepare this response.

We are responding on behalf of Unilever United States, Inc. and all of our U.S. foods operations, consisting of retail foods (including such brands as Hellmann's, I Can't Believe It's Not Butter, Knorr and Lipton), our ice cream business (including such brands as Breyers, Good Humor and Ben & Jerry's), and our institutional food service business (Unilever FoodSolutions).

The focus of the Committee's request is food safety. At Unilever, the safety of our products is a critical goal. Our team of experienced safety and quality assurance experts, at facilities in the United States and around the world, is responsible for developing products and implementing manufacturing processes to maximize consumer safety. Most of our facilities use validated Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) systems and/or other current good manufacturing practices (cGMP) that are designed to protect product integrity and prevent contamination as an integral part of the manufacturing process. We are committed to our consumers and are proud of the trust

they place in us each time they purchase our products. We work to earn that trust every day by building safety into our products.

For these reasons, we are pleased to respond to the Committee's request for information in connection with its investigation of the safety of the Nation's food supply. Detailed responses to the Committee's questions are provided in the Attachment to this letter. This information is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief at this time except that, as agreed with Mr. Barstow (pursuant to our letter of May 29, 2008, from Nancy L. Schnell), we will provide additional data from closed facilities and any needed updates or amendments to this initial production of requested information within 3 weeks.

If you need further information regarding this matter, please contact Nancy L. Schnell, U.S. Deputy General Counsel – Marketing and Regulatory, at 201-894-2751.

Respectfully submitted,

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