



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
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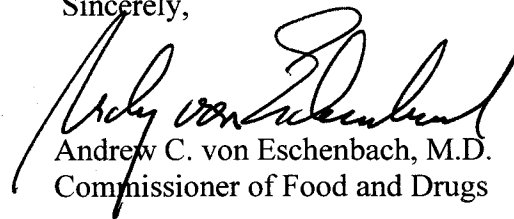
John Erb
erbreport@hotmail.com

Dear Mr. Erb:

Thank you for your e-mail of December 18, 2007, requesting a meeting to discuss the report entitled, "The Toxic Effects of the Food Additive Monosodium Glutamate." I regret that I am unable to meet with you.

I have forwarded your report to our Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, and have asked that they contact you to discuss alternatives for filing a petition.

Sincerely,



Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D.
Commissioner of Food and Drugs

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Drafted by B. Botsford 1/11/08
Edited by L. Caldwell 1/10/08

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HF-40

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FDA Trac #: 07-8224

Due Date: 1/11/08

Date of Letter: 1/30

Date Stamped: _____

Name of Requestor: J. Davis

Assigned To: Brian

STEPS	NAME	DATE	COMMENTS
CA logs & scan original and gives folder to SMI-Analyst	<i>m</i>	<i>12/5</i>	<i>To: K.m</i>
SMI-Analyst consults with Special Assistant to the Commissioner, if needed	<i>Kelley</i>	<i>1/8/08</i>	<i>to Val - regret per</i>
SMI-Analyst gives to Team Leader with Commissioner's decision	<i>↓</i>	<i>↓</i>	<i>↓ S. Windler</i>
Team Leader assigns to Analyst	<i>Val</i>	<i>1/9/08</i>	<i>to: Brian</i>
Analyst prepares letter and gives to Team Leader for R/C	<i>VAL</i>	<i>1/15</i>	<i>TO LDC</i>
Team Leader R/C and sends to 14 th floor for R/C	<i>LDC</i>	<i>1/15</i>	<i>TO 14th Floor</i>
Return from 14 th floor to OES Director	<i>LDC</i>	<i>1/17</i>	<i>TO CA to m09</i>
CA scans & closes in AIMS and issues	<i>BB</i>	<i>1-17</i>	

■ Bolded areas are Optional

Additional Comments: _____

Returned 1/16 w/edit from Pam Pison