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Re: Notice of Star Scientific, Inc.'s Intent to File Comments
Concerning Citizen Petition Docket No 01P-0572

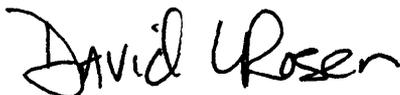
Dear Sir/Madam:

We are writing on behalf of our client Star Scientific, Inc. In conjunction with the company and its counsel, we have evaluated the above referenced Citizen Petition concerning Star Scientific's compressed powdered hard tobacco product, Ariva™ Cigalett™ pieces and are in the process of preparing formal comments for submission to the docket. We trust that the Agency will not issue a response to the Petitioners until such comments are received.

We firmly believe that Star Scientific's compressed powdered hard tobacco product Ariva™ falls outside of FDA's jurisdiction pursuant to the Supreme Court decision in FDA v. Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, 529 U.S. 120 (2000). The Ariva™ Cigalett™ compressed powdered tobacco product is neither a drug nor a food as defined under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The Petition is without merit and should be denied.

As soon as it is practicable, we will submit substantive comments on the Citizen Petition.

Sincerely yours,



David L. Rosen

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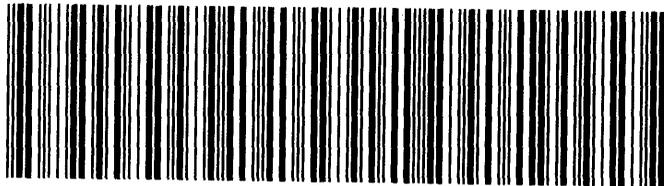
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