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Dr. Kathleen Ellwood  
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**RE: Docket 2003Q-0559**

Dear Dr. Ellwood:

This letter is to formally agree to a 60-day extension of the deadline for consideration of our petition entitled, "Authorization of a health claim for monounsaturated fatty acids from olive oil and heart disease" that was submitted to your office on August 29, 2003. The new deadline for a response to this petition will be September 29, 2004.

We appreciate your careful consideration of our petition and look forward to providing important information to consumers on the health benefits of monounsaturated fatty acids from olive via a qualified health claim in the near future.

Sincerely,

Bob Bauer  
President

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