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Ms. Amy Buringrud  
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Dear Ms. Buringrud:

Thank you for your letter to Joe Micheletto, CEO of Ralcorp Holdings, Inc., regarding genetically modified foods.

As you are probably aware, scientists have suggested that genetically modified agricultural products will bring great benefits to society in the future. However, while we would encourage efforts designed to create societal benefits, we believe that, with respect to food products, safety considerations must be given the highest priority.

Regulatory responsibility for much of the nation's food supply falls to the United States Food and Drug Administration. Ralcorp procures for use in its products only food ingredients considered safe by the FDA. The FDA permits the use by manufacturers of food to be sold in the United States of certain genetically modified crops. Wholesalers of corn and corn-based ingredients (e.g., corn grits) have been mingling genetically modified and traditional corn since no regulation exists which requires segregation (labeling of the use of genetically modified corn is not required at this time).

Ralcorp is following developments closely regarding biotechnology in agriculture. The FDA and USDA have historically provided sound guidance to food processors regarding food safety as they protect the American food supply. As a food processor we will be observing applicable regulations regarding use of genetically modified foods, and we will be studying what the American public seems to want in its food products in the future so we can respond to their interests.

Thank you again for your interest in Ralcorp Holdings, Inc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Victoria Harl'.

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