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Dear Dr. Kevala:

As requested by your office, the Beverage Institute for Health and Wellness (BHWI) is agreeable to extending the 190-day deadline for our health claim petition entitled, "Authorization of a health claim for vitamin D and/or calcium and reduced risk of osteoporosis" for six months. This extension would make the new date for publication July 18, 2005.

The BHWI looks forward to working with your office to authorize this important new health claim as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

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