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**Jillone Kevala, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Kevala:

As requested by your office, the Beverage Institute for Health and Wellness (BHWI) is agreeable to providing another extension 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 October 18, 2006.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything the BHWI can do to help expedite resolution of this petition.

Sincerely,

**Guy H. Johnson, Ph.D.
Consultant**

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