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Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 2005N-0413

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are comments submitted on behalf of the California Walnut Commission in regard to the public meeting that was held on November 17, 2005 to discuss the research pertaining to health claims.

We respectfully request that the issues outlined in this paper are seriously considered so that we can move toward a meaningful and helpful resolution of the way in which health claims will be regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

We will be happy to provide any further support data including our own research. We have had a lengthy dialogue with FDA on the subject and our greatest concern is maintaining the integrity of the system.

The Food and Drug Administration must move quickly to forestall problems that will arise from independent interpretations of information that conceivably could receive more attention than the FDA's own regulatory policy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Balint  
Chief Executive Officer

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