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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515-6115

Via Fax: 202-225-2525

Dear Congressman Markey,

Thank you for your letter of April 13, 2010 to our former CEO and 12 other companies. Procter & Gamble appreciates your interest in ensuring the safe use of ingredients in consumer products. Consumers globally use P&G products every day, so nothing is more important to us than ensuring their safety for our consumers and the environment.

We are deeply committed to safety. We have more than 700 scientists and regulatory compliance specialists who are devoted to ensuring human and environmental safety of all of the ingredients and products before they go to market, and to fulfilling regulatory requirements in each of the markets where they are sold.

P&G's approach is based on broadly accepted practices for the scientific assessment of safety. We first evaluate the potential for an ingredient to cause adverse effects using published and accepted scientific methods. These data are used to determine what levels of an ingredient are safe for humans and the environment which are compared to potential levels of exposure we expect from the use of our products. Only products that are well within these safety levels make it through our evaluation process. In determining what levels are acceptable, we use conservative assumptions that are recommended by the FDA, EPA, and the scientific community. We also consider susceptible populations. In determining levels of exposure, we consider worst-case product use based on our understanding of how our products are actually used. We build into each of our assessments the understanding of all aspects of the product life span, from manufacturing to use to disposal. Our reputation and the safety of our products depend on it.

In addition, P&G also promotes research that enhances the understanding of product safety. Our scientists have assisted in the development of new methods and approaches to evaluate safety as well as through our trade associations.

After FDA's recent statements indicating that triclosan is not known to be hazardous to humans, we carefully re-examined our limited use and concurred with the FDA that a change in consumer use was not needed. Similar findings have been reached by other regulatory authorities and scientific panels around the world.

In light of new studies, FDA is exhibiting due diligence in reviewing all scientific data available before making any final regulatory determinations. P&G continues to support the agency's review of triclosan and we have the confidence that FDA's result will be a thorough, science-based evaluation of the ingredient. We are also actively supporting the extensive scientific research and information being provided to the FDA by the Topical Antimicrobial Coalition through the Soap and Detergent Association (SDA) (http://www.cleaning101.com/antibacterial/) and The Personal Care Products Council (PCPC) (http://www.personalcarecouncil.org/). Once the FDA completes their evaluation P&G will comply with any new regulatory guidance.

Thank you for your continued interest in product safety. If you are interested in learning more about our commitment to product safety, feel free to contact Chuck O'Hara in our P&G Global Government Relations office (202-393-3401) or visit www.pgproductsafety.com.

Sincerely,

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