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Michael Andres
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Dear Mr. Andres:

The Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are conducting an ongoing investigation into the presence of cadmium, a known carcinogen, in products intended for children. The Consumer Product Safety Commission last week announced a recall of approximately 12 million drinking glasses bearing designs of the animated character "Shrek," which are being sold at McDonald's restaurants across the country, because the painted designs contain cadmium.

To assist the Committee with its investigation, we request that McDonald's Corp. officials brief the Committee staff on the company's policies to ensure the safety of products it sells in its restaurants. In addition, we ask that you provide the following information:

1. All McDonald's policies and procedures related to preventing the sale of products intended for children that contain hazardous materials;
2. All documents related to the testing of the "Shrek" themed glasses, and any documents related to their safety and suitability for children, that is in McDonald's possession, custody, or control;
3. A list of all manufacturing and distribution companies that supply McDonald's with products intended for children;
4. A description of any prior business relationship that McDonald's Corp. has had with Arc International—the company that manufactured the glasses subject to

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recall—including what products Arc sold to McDonald's and any testing Arc or McDonald's did of the safety of those products;

5. A written explanation of the steps McDonald's takes to confirm that products intended for children are safe. This should include:
 - a. All McDonald's policies and procedures related to ensuring that products intended for children do not contain hazardous materials;
 - b. All steps taken to ensure the safety of products intended for children at every stage of the supply chain, prior to McDonald's receipt of the product, including steps taken by manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors; and
6. All changes to McDonald's policies and procedures since it communicated with the Consumer Product Safety Commission about the presence of cadmium in "Shrek" themed drinking glasses.

Please contact Committee staff by June 14, 2010, to schedule the requested briefing, and please produce the materials requested above by June 21, 2010. An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to Committee document requests. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Molly Gaston or Derrick Franklin with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman



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Attachment

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton
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