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Dear Ms. Buermeyer and Dr. Janssen:

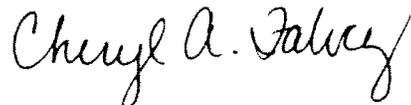
Thank you for your letter of December 7, 2011, regarding the presentation of additional data from Dr. Clewell at the Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel (CHAP) meeting last month. Chairman Tenenbaum requested that I respond to your concerns. Since their first meeting in 2010, the CHAP members have been reviewing data from numerous sources in order to address their charge. Prior to the November meeting, it came to the attention of Commission staff that additional data was available. Because staff wanted the CHAP to be able to avail itself of relevant scientific information, staff asked the CHAP co-chairs, and they agreed, to work into the agenda a presentation by Dr. Clewell at the November 2011 CHAP meeting. Moreover, another presenter had cancelled, and the work Dr. Clewell presented involved research that one of the other presenters scheduled that day, Dr. Gray from the EPA, would have been able to comment upon at the meeting. As it turned out, however, Dr. Gray was also unable to attend.

Because the CHAP is nearing completion of its deliberations and is beginning to draft the report to the Commission, if you have any additional data that you believe is critical to their deliberations, I invite you to share it with staff and the CHAP members as soon as possible.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Dr. Michael Babich, the CPSC's project manager for phthalates at (301) 504-7253.

Thank you again for your continued interest in this important agency activity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl A. Falvey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".

Cheryl A. Falvey