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Subject: Michigan State University Violations of U.S. Federal Antitrust Laws

Dear Ms. Simon:

It has come to our attention that Michigan State University (MSU) in collusion with SSAFE is violating the provisions of the U.S. Sherman Antitrust, Clayton and Federal Trade Commission Acts by engaging in predatory and anticompetitive conduct by “blacklisting” FoodQuestTQ LLC within the food industry.

We are receiving reports that MSU, both in public and private meetings, has advised SSAFE membership and others within the food industry not to work with FoodQuestTQ LLC. These same reports indicate that the reason for the MSU blacklisting of our company is the result of a dispute regarding the unauthorized use of FoodQuestTQ LLC copyrighted research, patented and unpatented ideas and trade secrets by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to duplicate FoodQuestTQ’s commercial line of food risk management products.

Please be advised that U.S. antitrust laws prohibit this type of predatory and anticompetitive conduct by SSAFE and its member organizations including MSU. By copy of this letter we are informing the Antitrust Division of U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission of MSU’s predatory and anticompetitive conduct to limit competition which is harmful to the consumer.

Also, please be advised that any further actions to blacklist FoodQuestTQ LLC by GFSI or your members within the food industry or any actions to misappropriate FoodQuestTQ LLC intellectual property for use by SSAFE members are strictly prohibited.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Hnatio', is written over a white background.

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