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Dear Mr. Weissman,

Thank you for your letter of July 26, 2007. We are pleased that Essential Action and the other signatories to your letter support Lilly's decision to disclose information related to the funding of educational grants and charitable contributions. We are proud of the funding we provide and believe these funds are being used to help advance the treatment and care of those suffering from illnesses. By adding transparency to our educational grant funding and charitable contributions, Lilly is addressing head-on the public scrutiny regarding the nature of the relationships between our company and these organizations. We are hopeful that our public disclosure of this information will serve as a catalyst for change, and will reinforce our positive intentions to improve patient care.

When Lilly announced that it would publish information about educational grants and charitable contributions, we stated that we would begin with the United States and form a team to study the issue on a global basis. We have done just that, and are working hard to evaluate the legal, regulatory and other considerations related to disclosing this information in other parts of the world. Our intention remains to disclose this information globally, and we believe we will be in a position to accomplish this beginning sometime in 2008.

Kind regards,