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Dear Susan,

We are sorry that it has taken longer than originally anticipated to get back to you about a facilitated conversation. Unfortunately, given the overlap between the issues you would like to discuss, and the recent lawsuit filed by Lystn, LLC against FDA and others, and because it's the Agency's policy to not comment on issues in litigation, it would not be appropriate to participate in a facilitated discussion with you at this time.

However, we are open to having a listening session, where you could present your views on the topics you have identified. We want to make sure you understand, however, that during the session, we will not be able to answer any questions you may have or respond to any information you present. One of the topics you wanted to discuss with FDA was the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FDA and AAFCO, so we wanted to let you know that the MOU with AAFCO has been renewed. The MOU is available at <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/domestic-mous/mou-225-07-7001>. During the listening session you would have an opportunity to present your views about the MOU and elaborate on the concerns you raised in your prior communications about the MOU.

If you are interested in having a listening session, either in person or by teleconference, we propose scheduling it for some time in late August.

Please let us know how you would like to proceed. Kindest regards, Tracey