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Re: Abbott Laboratories

Dear Mr. Berry:

This is in regard to your letter dated January 7, 2008 concerning the shareholder proposal submitted by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth; the Basilian Fathers of Toronto; the Benedictine Sisters Charitable Trust; the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia; the Camilla Madden Charitable Trust; Catholic Health Initiatives; Catholic Healthcare Partners; Catholic Healthcare West; the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration; the Congregation of Divine Providence, Inc.; the Mount St. Scholastica; Providence Trust; the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, Texas; the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary U.S.-Ontario Province; the Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate; and the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother for inclusion in Abbott Laboratories' proxy materials for its upcoming annual meeting of security holders. Your letter indicates that the proponents have withdrawn the proposal, and that Abbott Laboratories therefore withdraws its December 27, 2007 request for a no-action letter from the Division. Because the matter is now moot, we will have no further comment.

Sincerely,

Heather L. Maples
Special Counsel

Abbott Laboratories

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December 27, 2007

By Messenger

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Re: Abbott Laboratories – Shareholder Proposal Submitted by Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Basilian Fathers of Toronto, Benedictine Sisters Charitable Trust (Texas), Benedictine Sisters of Virginia, Camilla Madden Charitable Trust, Catholic Health Initiatives, Catholic Healthcare Partners, Catholic Healthcare West, Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Congregation of Divine Providence, Inc., Mount St. Scholastica Benedictine Sisters, Providence Trust, Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, Texas, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary U.S.-Ontario Province, Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate and Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother International Finance, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Abbott Laboratories and pursuant to Rule 14a-8(j) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, I hereby request confirmation that the Staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission will not recommend an enforcement action if, in reliance on Rule 14a-8, we exclude a proposal submitted by Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, as the primary sponsor of the proposal, and Basilian Fathers of Toronto, Benedictine Sisters Charitable Trust (Texas), Benedictine Sisters of Virginia, Camilla Madden Charitable Trust, Catholic Health Initiatives, Catholic Healthcare Partners, Catholic Healthcare West, Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Congregation of Divine Providence, Inc., Mount St. Scholastica Benedictine Sisters, Providence Trust, Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, Texas, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary U.S.-Ontario Province, Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate and Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother International Finance, Inc., as co-sponsors of the proposal, (the "Proponents") from the proxy materials for Abbott's 2008 annual shareholders' meeting, which we expect to file in definitive form with the Commission on or about March 19, 2008.

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We received a notice from the primary sponsor on behalf of the Proponents on November 9, 2007, submitting the proposal for consideration at our 2008 annual shareholders' meeting. The proposal, a copy of which, together with the preamble and supporting statement, is attached as Exhibit A (the "Proposal"), reads as follows:

RESOLVED, shareholders urge the Board of Directors to adopt principles for comprehensive health care reform (such as those based upon principles reported by the Institute of Medicine:

1. Health care coverage should be universal.
2. Health care coverage should be continuous.
3. Health care coverage should be affordable to individuals and families.
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The preamble and supporting statement of the Proposal refer to current lobbying efforts in the health sector and a desire of the Proponents to direct Abbott's lobbying efforts. In addition, the supporting statement requests that the Board "report annually about how it is implementing such principles." Copies of correspondence between the Company and the Proponents relating to the Proposal are attached as Exhibit B.

Pursuant to Rule 14a-8(j), I have enclosed six copies of the Proposal and this letter, which sets forth the grounds upon which we deem omission of the Proposal to be proper. Copies of this letter are being sent to notify each Proponent of our intention to omit the Proposal from our 2008 proxy materials.

We believe that the Proposal may be properly omitted from Abbott's 2008 proxy materials pursuant to Rule 14a-8 for the reasons set forth below.

I. The Proposal may be excluded under Rule 14a-8(i)(7) because it involves ordinary business matters.

The Proposal in question seeks to compel Abbott to actively endorse universal, affordable health care coverage. The preamble to the Proposal addresses the current lobbying efforts of companies and the projected amounts spent on lobbying in the health care industry and notes that the Proposal is needed because “such lobbying by the health care industry, including that of our company, actually may counter the underlying interests of its shareholders.” This demonstrates that the Proponents are primarily concerned with involving Abbott in lobbying for and participating in public policy debates with respect to legislative and regulatory initiatives, all of which are ordinary business matters.

It is well established that shareholder proposals addressing issues involving health care reform may be excluded from issuer proxy statements pursuant to Rule 14a-8(i)(7) when such proposals are directed at involving the company in the political or legislative process on issues that relate to an aspect of a company’s operations or business. In *International Business Machines Corp.* (January 21, 2002), a proposal required the company to “join with other corporations to support the establishment of a national health insurance system.” The Staff permitted that exclusion because the proposal was “directed at involving IBM in the political or legislative process relating to an aspect of IBM’s operations.” In *Chrysler Corp.* (February 10, 1992) and *Chrysler Corp.* (March 29, 1993), the Staff concurred in the exclusion of a proposal requesting that the company actively support and lobby for universal health coverage and a proposal requesting that the company support three universal health care program concepts because the proposals were “directed at involving the Company in the political or legislative process relating to an aspect of the Company’s operations.”

The conclusion that involvement in the legislative and political process falls within the ordinary course of business exclusion is not limited to health care reform proposals. For example, in *General Motors Corp.* (April 7, 2006), the Staff permitted exclusion of a proposal requesting that the company petition the U.S. government for improved corporate average fuel economy standards and that the company lead the effort to enroll the assistance of the Administration and Congress and the automotive industry to develop a non-oil based transportation system and spread this technology to other nations. The Staff found that the proposal was directed at involving General Motors in the political or legislative process relating to an aspect of General Motors’ operations.

In Exchange Act Release No. 34-40018 (May 21, 1998), the Commission stated that the term “ordinary business” refers to matters that are “rooted in the corporate law concept [of] providing management with flexibility in directing certain core matters involving the company’s business and operations.” Further, “[c]ertain tasks are so fundamental to management’s ability to run a company on a day-to-day basis” that they should not be subject to shareholder vote. *Id.* Exchange Act Release No. 34-40018 also states that another policy behind Rule 14a-8(i)(7) is “the degree to which the proposal seeks to ‘micro-manage’ the company by probing too deeply into matters of a complex nature upon which shareholders, as a group, would not be in a position to make an informed judgment.” An assessment of Abbott’s approach to regulatory or legislative reforms and public policies that affect Abbott’s business is a customary and important responsibility of management and is not a proper subject for shareholder involvement. As part of its normal business operations, Abbott participates in the legislative and regulatory process. This involves an assessment of many complicated and interrelated factors, which include the likelihood of success of the lobbying efforts, the effect of certain regulations on Abbott, its financial position and shareholder value and the impact on patient rights and access to medicine. Therefore, decisions as to how and whether to lobby on behalf of particular initiatives are made by the Company after taking into account a multitude of factors, many of which are not apparent to shareholders. The Proposal seeks to address Abbott’s activities that are more appropriately addressed by management, and not by shareholders, and therefore implicates Abbott’s ordinary business operations.

In determining when the focus of a proposal involves the ordinary course of a company’s business operations, the Staff considers “both the proposal and the supporting statement as a whole.” Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14C, part D.2 (June 28, 2005). A supporting statement alone may cause the Staff to conclude that a proposal relates to an ordinary business matter. In *Pfizer Inc.* (January 31, 2007) and *General Electric Co.* (January 30, 2007), the Staff permitted exclusion of a proposal and supporting statement that requested that the company produce a social responsibility report that included the company’s plan to address specific policy matters such as tax reform, litigation and tort law reform and reform of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. While the “resolved” clause simply asked for a description of company activity and plans, the supporting statement provided that “[s]hareholders expect management to take appropriate actions to advance shareholder interests, including participating in public policy debates and lobbying activities.” As such, the Staff determined that the proposals related to the ordinary business operations of the companies, as each required an evaluation of the impact of government regulation on the company. *See also General Electric Co.* (January 10, 2005)

(exclusion permitted under the ordinary business argument even though the resolution itself involved a policy typically not excludable when the supporting statement requested a change relating to the nature, presentation and content of the company's films by minimizing the depiction of smoking).

The preamble to the Proposal discusses lobbying as the context for the Proposal, noting that the health care industry pays lobbyists to "influence elected leaders regarding the company's position." It further provides that the Proposal is needed "[b]ecause such lobbying by the health care industry, including that of our company, actually may counter the underlying interests of its shareholders." The Proponents cannot circumvent the exclusion of an ordinary course of business proposal by moving the language directly addressing lobbying efforts to a preamble or supporting statement. As was the case in *Pfizer Inc.* (January 31, 2007) and *General Electric Co.* (January 30, 2007), the "resolved" clause in the Proposal does not specifically reference lobbying activities. However, most of the Proposal's preamble describes the lobbying efforts of the health sector. The focus of the Proposal primarily concerns the creation of an Abbott lobbying program to induce the government to take action to establish affordable, universal health care policies. Because these matters implicate Abbott's ordinary business operations, the Proposal is excludable under Rule 14a-8(i)(7).

In the supporting statement, the Proponents urge the Board to report annually about how it is implementing its health care reform principles. Although the Proposal is phrased as a request to Abbott to report on how it is implementing universal, affordable health care principles, the Staff "will consider whether the subject matter of the special report involves a matter of ordinary business." Exchange Act Release No. 34-20091 (August 16, 1983). The Staff has frequently concurred in the exclusion of proposals that request a report evaluating the impact of health care reform by a company's board of directors. See *Brunswick Corp.* (February 10, 1992); *Dole Food Co.* (February 10, 1992); *GTE Corp.* (February 10, 1992); *Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co.* (February 10, 1992); *PepsiCo Inc.* (March 7, 1991). In each of these letters, the Staff agreed that the proposal was directed at involving the company in the political or legislative process relating to an aspect of the company's operations. The Staff has also excluded proposals requesting reports involving other topics relating to legislative or regulatory proceedings as an ordinary business matter. See *Johnson & Johnson* (January 24, 2006) (permitting exclusion of a proposal relating to a report on the impact of a flat tax on the company); *General Electric Co.* (January 17, 2006) (same); *Niagara Mohawk Holdings, Inc.* (March 5, 2001) (permitting exclusion of a proposal relating to a report on pension-related issues being considered in federal regulatory and legislative proceedings); *International*

Business Machines Corp. (March 2, 2000) (permitting exclusion of a proposal relating to a report on federal regulatory issues and legislative proposals regarding cash balance plan conversions). More recently, the Staff determined that a proposal requesting that the company prepare a report describing the company's plan to address specific issues under review by federal regulators and legislative proposals is directed at involving the company in the political or legislative process and is thus excludable. See *Pfizer Inc.* (January 31, 2007); *General Electric Co.* (January 30, 2007). Like *Pfizer Inc.* and *General Electric Co.*, the Proponents are seeking to influence Abbott's political and lobbying activities by requesting a report on legislative reforms and political policies affecting Abbott's operations.

We recognize that not all proposals addressing reports on political activities relate to ordinary business matters. For example, in *Pfizer Inc.* (February 9, 2006), the Staff did not permit exclusion of a proposal requesting a report on the company's policies for political contributions. The critical difference between the requested report in this *Pfizer Inc.* proposal and in the Proposal received by Abbott is that a report establishing how funds are spent after the fact does not infringe on management's ability to decide where to spend the funds. The report requested in the Proposal, on the other hand, is designed to influence Abbott's legislative and political policy in the area of health care reform and, as such, is an attempt to move a management function to shareholders and should thus be excluded as relating to ordinary business matters.

In Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14C, part D.2, the Staff explained that it does not concur in excluding proposals on ordinary business grounds "to the extent that a proposal and supporting statement focus on the company minimizing or eliminating operations that may adversely affect the environment or the public's health." While the Proponents argue that lobbying to affect public policy on the issue of universal health care is not ordinary business, the Proposal does not identify Abbott operations as a source of the problem inherent in health care coverage and therefore is not requesting a minimization or elimination of Abbott operations that may negatively affect public health. In this way the Proposal is distinguishable from a proposal such as the one discussed in *The Dow Chemical Co.* (February 23, 2005), where the Staff did not permit exclusion of a proposal requesting a report on certain toxic chemicals in the company's products under the argument that it relates to ordinary business operations.

The lobbying requested by the Proposal involves Abbott in the political or legislative process relating to aspects of its operations. To the extent that the Proposal is seeking lobbying to promote affordable, universal health care, it affects Abbott's customer base, which, in turn,

affects Abbott's sales and marketing efforts. To the extent that lobbying is directed at employee health care, it impacts Abbott's employee benefit plans. Both of these are aspects of Abbott's ordinary business operations. Therefore, the requested political and legislative process that the Proposal seeks clearly relates to an aspect of Abbott's operations, making the Proposal excludable for involving ordinary business operations under Rule 14a-8(i)(7).

II. The Proposal may be excluded under Rule 14a-8(i)(6) because Abbott lacks the power to implement such principles.

To the extent the Proposal seeks to influence legislative and political policies in the area of health care reform, Abbott lacks the power to implement such policies. Rule 14a-8(i)(6) provides that a shareholder proposal may be excluded "if the company would lack the power or authority to implement the proposal." When examining whether it is beyond a company's power to implement a shareholder proposal requesting that the company adopt a particular policy for purposes of Rule 14a-8(i)(6), the Staff does not look at whether the company has the power to adopt the proposed policy such as a health care policy, but instead looks at the company's ability to implement the actions that are the subject of the proposed policy (in this case, implementing health care reform initiatives). *See, for example, Catellus Development Corp.* (March 3, 2005) (permitting exclusion of a proposal that the company adopt a policy relating to a particular piece of property because the company no longer owned the property that was the subject of the proposed policy and could not control the property's transfer, use or development); *Ford Motor Co.* (February 27, 2005) (permitting exclusion of a proposal that the company adopt a policy that an independent director serve as chairman of the board because the company could not ensure that the subject of the proposed policy would be satisfied (*i.e.*, that the chairman retain his or her independence at all times) and no mechanism was provided to cure a failure); *General Electric Co.* (January 14, 2005) (same).

The Proponents urge Abbott to adopt principles for comprehensive health care reform, not principles limited to health coverage that Abbott offers to its employees, and report on Abbott's implementation of these principles. Universal health care coverage is not something within Abbott's power to implement. Affordable, universal, continuous health care coverage requires extensive governmental action. It may require additional tax revenue or reallocation of governmental spending priorities. If private health care coverage is to be offered, insurance companies must be involved in the process. Abbott does not have power or authority to implement legislation, regulation or political policies that will result in universal, affordable health care. Furthermore, Abbott is not an insurance company; while Abbott provides health

care coverage for its employees, it does not sell health insurance to the public. Accordingly, the Proposal should be excluded under Rule 14a-8(i)(6) because it is outside of Abbott's power to implement.

III. The Proposal may be excluded under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) because it is vague, indefinite and misleading.

Rule 14a-8(i)(3) allows the exclusion of a shareholder proposal if the proposal or statement is contrary to any of the Commission's proxy rules or regulations. Rule 14a-9 prohibits proposals that are false or materially misleading. The Proponents argue that Abbott uses lobbyists to influence elected leaders in "less-than-transparent ways" and will hide behind "any veil or secrecy." Further, the comments of the Proponents in the preamble imply that there is no existing law requiring companies to disclose the issues covered by lobbying efforts. That is incorrect. Abbott submits reports to the United States Senate and House of Representatives in accordance with all lobby laws. These reports disclose the amount of money Abbott spends on lobbying, along with the issues covered by that lobbying. Those reports have been generated by Abbott since 1995 as required by law and are publicly available on a federal government website. Therefore, the language of the Proposal misleads shareholders into believing that Abbott does not disclose its current lobbying efforts and should thus be excluded.

A proposal is excludable as vague and indefinite under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) when "neither the stockholders in voting on the proposal, nor the company in implementing the proposal (if adopted) would be able to determine with any reasonable certainty exactly what actions or measures the proposal requires." Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14B (September 15, 2004).

For example, in *Alcoa Inc.* (December 24, 2002), the Staff permitted exclusion of a proposal relating to the company committing itself to the "full implementation of [International Labor Organization] human rights standards" and a program to monitor compliance with "these standards" without identifying or fairly summarizing those standards. Similarly, this Proposal focuses on Abbott adopting principles to make health care universal, affordable and "sustainable for society," while also making sure that the health insurance is "effective, efficient, safe, timely, patient-centered, and equitable," without providing any guidance on how a health care policy could accomplish all of these requirements and without acknowledging that their goals are entirely beyond Abbott's reach to accomplish. Therefore, a shareholder voting on the Proposal would have no idea what was actually being approved. The Proposal misleads the shareholder into believing that he or she is promoting high-quality, universal health care when

there is no insight as to how such a goal would be implemented from a practical sense. Thus, the Proposal should be excluded as vague and misleading.

IV. The Proposal may be excluded under Rule 14a-8(i)(10) because it has been substantially implemented.

To the extent the Proposal relates to promoting affordable, universal health care through internal programs and initiatives, Abbott has substantially implemented the Proposal. Rule 14a-8(i)(10) authorizes a company to exclude a shareholder proposal if the company has “substantially implemented” the action requested. According to the Commission, the exclusion provided in Rule 14a-8(i)(10) “is designed to avoid the possibility of shareholders having to consider matters which have already been favorably acted upon by the management.” Exchange Act Release No. 34-12598 (July 7, 1976). Shareholder proposals have been substantially implemented within the meaning of Rule 14a-8(i)(10) when the company already has policies, practices and procedures in place relating to the subject matter of the proposal or has implemented the essential objective of the proposal. *See, for example, Telular Corp.* (December 5, 2003); *Cisco Systems, Inc.* (August 11, 2003); *The Talbots, Inc.* (April 5, 2002).

Abbott has disclosed its position on health care. It believes that all people should have access to quality health care and that solutions need to be found to help the millions of Americans who do not have health insurance. *See http://www.abbott.com/global/url/content/en_US/40.40:40/general_content/General_Content_00274.htm*. The Company participates in numerous programs to assist the uninsured or underinsured with their health care needs. These programs are explained in great detail on the Company’s website, www.abbott.com/citizenship. Among other programs, Abbott’s efforts include, among many other initiatives, the following in 2006 and 2007:

- In 2006, the Company and the Abbott Fund, a philanthropic foundation, invested nearly \$300 million in grants and products which assisted millions of disadvantaged patients around the world.
- In 2006, the Company donated free medicines, nutritional products and glucose tests through its U.S. patient assistance programs valued at more than \$172 million and which assisted 141,000 low-income Americans without medical insurance.

- Abbott helped create and participates in a partnership with pharmaceutical companies, medical associations and patient advocacy organizations called Partnership for Prescription Assistance, which has matched more than 3.2 million Americans with patient assistance programs.
- Abbott supported the enactment of the Medicare Modernization Act which provided voluntary prescription drug coverage to Medicare health insurance for senior citizens. Abbott mobilized employees to help educate eligible seniors about the drug prescription plan and its options and to help them enroll.
- The Abbott Fund sponsors the Global Health Council Policy Series which brings together senior representatives of the U.S. Government, non-governmental organizations, global health policy experts, United Nations agencies and corporations to discuss and debate solutions to public health challenges.
- The Company presented at a forum of Ministers of Health from Commonwealth countries about the role of public/private partnerships to improve health systems and increase access to health services for patients in these developing countries.
- Abbott supports the State Children's Health Insurance Program to preserve and expand access to health care for thousands of children in the United States.

In short, the Company regularly participates in public policy forums, briefings for policymakers and partnerships to advocate for expanded and affordable healthcare for patients in the U.S. and around the world. All of these examples establish that Abbott already has policies, practices and procedures in place relating to making health care costs more affordable for the uninsured or underinsured and have successfully implemented many programs having a positive effect worldwide. Therefore, the Proposal should be excluded pursuant to Rule 14a-8(i)(10).

V. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, I request your confirmation that the Staff will not recommend any enforcement action to the Commission if the Proposal is omitted from Abbott's 2008 proxy materials. To the extent that the reasons set forth in this letter are based on matters of law, pursuant to Rule 14a-8(j)(2)(iii), this letter also constitutes an opinion of counsel of the undersigned as an attorney licensed and admitted to practice in the State of Illinois.

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If the Staff has any questions with respect to the foregoing, or if for any reason the Staff does not agree that we may omit the Proposal from our 2008 proxy materials, please contact me at 847.938.3591 or Deborah Koenen at 847.938.6166. We may also be reached by facsimile at 847.938.9492 and would appreciate it if you would send your response to us by facsimile to that number. The primary sponsor of the Proposal may be reached by contacting Sister Barbara Aires, SC by phone at 973.290.5402 and by facsimile at 973.290.5441. The additional Proponents' representatives may be reached at the contact information provided in Exhibit C.

Very truly yours,



John A. Berry
Divisional Vice President,
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Enclosures

cc: All representatives of the Proponents listed in Exhibit C.

Exhibit A

Proposal

The overriding domestic policy concern of U.S. citizens involves some form of universal health care. Besides the Iraqi war, the greatest public policy issue in the 2008 presidential campaign has been universal health care reform.

Most citizens want their government to “guarantee health insurance for all Americans,” particularly children. They say they’d pay higher taxes to make this possible, although they disagree about how to achieve this.

Given such findings, health care reform has become an overriding public policy issue for the health care industry, including our company. Its paid lobbyists seek to influence elected leaders regarding the company’s position. Often this occurs in less-than-transparent ways and, at times, against the interests of its stakeholders.

In 2006, the health sector spent \$351.1 million to lobby the federal government. This represents 13.8% of all spending on lobbying. It nearly equals similar spending by the financial sector. Within the health sector, manufacturers of drugs, medical devices, and other health care products spent the most. Between 1998 and 2006, the AMA, the American Hospital Association, AARP, and PhRMA spent, respectively, the second, fourth, sixth, and seventh most on lobbying.

Although contributions from the health sector to presidential and other federal candidates may increase, they are projected to be dwarfed by the overall amount the health industry spends to lobby. Most of this occurs without shareholder consent and that of other stakeholders whose public policy interests may be opposed to those of our company.

Currently, there is broad support across most sectors of the United States for “fundamental changes in” or “completely rebuilding” the health care system. Our company can no longer hide behind any veil or secrecy or argue that its lobbying to affect public policy is “ordinary business,” especially when polls show that the goals of such lobbying may be diametrically opposed to the stated interests of ordinary citizens such as its consumers.

Existing law demands companies reveal the amount they spend on lobbying but not what they lobby for. Because such lobbying by the health care industry, including that of our company, actually may counter the underlying interests of its shareholders, therefore,

RESOLVED: shareholders urge the Board of Directors to adopt principles for comprehensive health care reform (such as those based upon principles reported by the Institute of Medicine:

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Supporting Statement

As shareholders, we believe publicly-held companies should be accountable to the public on their positions on critical public policy issues, such as universal health care. This is especially urgent for those in the health care industry. We urge the Board to report annually about how it is implementing such principles and ask fellow shareholders to support this resolution.

Exhibit B
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November 5, 2007

Mr. Miles White, CEO
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Dear Mr. White,

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth continue to be deeply committed to our work to increase access to medicine particularly for the millions of un-insured and underinsured and to protect shareholder value by encouraging meaningful reform in the pharmaceutical industry. Therefore, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth request that the Board of Directors adopt principles for comprehensive health care as in the attached proposal.

I have been authorized by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth to notify you of our intention to file this resolution for consideration by the stockholders at the annual meeting and I hereby submit it for inclusion in the proxy statement, in accordance with rule 14a-8 of the general rules and regulations of the Securities Act of 1934.

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth are the beneficial owners of at least 500 shares of stock. Under separate cover you will receive proof of ownership. We will retain shares through the annual meeting.

If you should, for any reason, desire to oppose the adoption of the proposal by the stockholders, please include in the corporation's proxy material the attached statement of the security holder, submitted in support of this proposal, as required by the aforesaid rules and regulations.

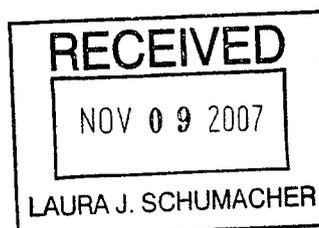
We welcome dialogue on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator of Corporate Responsibility



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Health Care Principles for the Health Care Industry

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November 6, 2007

Securities and Exchange Commission
Judiciary Plaza
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the stockholder's resolution and accompanying statement which we, as stockholders in Abbott Laboratories, have asked to be included in the 2007 proxy statement.

Also, enclosed is a copy of the cover letter Mr. Miles White, CEO of Abbott Laboratories.

Sincerely,

Sister Barbara Aires

Sister Barbara Aires, S.C.
Coordinator of Corporate Responsibility

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"B Aires" <baires@scnj.org>
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To "Christine E Feldman" <christine.feldman@abbott.com>
cc
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Subject RE: Shareholder Proposal

On behalf of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth,
I do **not** intend the title of the shareholder proposal to
be included in Abbott's proxy statement.

Thank you. I'm sure your letter will be here shortly.

Barbara Aires

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christine E Feldman [mailto:christine.feldman@abbott.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2007 10:06 AM

To: B Aires

Cc: Deborah K Koenen

Subject: Shareholder Proposal

Dear Sister Aires,

Attached is a copy of Abbott's letter acknowledging receipt of the Sisters of Charity of Saint

Elizabeth's shareholder proposal. This letter was sent by Federal Express.

Pursuant to your conversation with Deborah Koenen, would you please confirm that you do not intend the title of the shareholder proposal to be included in Abbott's proxy statement.

Best regards,

Christine Feldman

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Subject RE: Shareholder Proposal - proof of stock ownership

Thank you.

Barbara Aires

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christine E Feldman [mailto:christine.feldman@abbott.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2007 10:08 AM

To: B Aires

Cc: Deborah K Koenen

Subject: Re: Shareholder Proposal - proof of stock ownership

Dear Sister Aires,

I would like to confirm that Abbott has received proof of stock ownership from the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth's.

Best regards,

Christine Feldman

Christine E.
Feldman
Paralegal

Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park
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November 13, 2007

Mr. Miles White
Chief Executive Officer
Abbott Laboratories
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Abbott Park, IL 60064

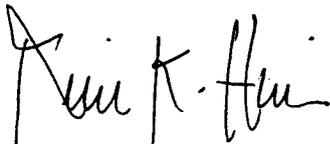
RE: The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

Dear Mr. White,

This letter along with the enclosed asset detail shall serve as proof of beneficial ownership of 3,500 shares of Abbott Laboratories for The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. These shares have been held for one year and will be retained through the annual meeting.

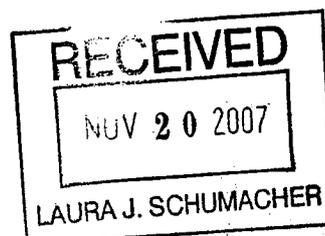
Please feel free to contact me should you need anything further.

Sincerely,



Kelli K. Hill
Portfolio Manager
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Cc Sister Barbara Aires



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*** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 ***

Basilian Fathers of Toronto
Corporate Responsibility Director

Health Care

Margaret Weber
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November 14, 2007

Mr. Miles White
Chairman and CEO
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, IL 60064

Dear Mr. White:

The Basilian Fathers of Toronto, in conjunction with Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth New Jersey, hereby submit the enclosed shareholder resolution, *Health Care Principles for the Health Care Industry*, to the company for inclusion in the proxy statement for the 2008 shareholder meeting, under Rule 14a-8 of general rules and regulations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We would appreciate indication in the proxy statement that the Fathers are co-sponsors of this resolution.

The Basilian Fathers have held over \$2000.00 worth of Abbott Laboratories stock for more than one year. Proof of ownership is enclosed. A representative of the filers will attend the stockholders meeting to move the resolution as required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and we will continue to hold shares in the company through the stockholder meeting.

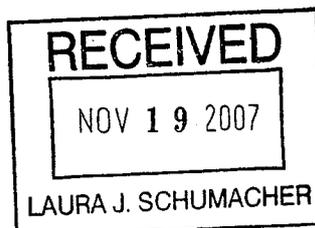
Sincerely yours,



Margaret Weber
Corporate Responsibility Director
Congregation of St. Basil

Encl. Resolution text and Verification of ownership

Cc: Barbara Aires, SCNJ
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Health Care Principles for the Health Care Industry

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Supporting Statement

As shareholders, we believe publicly-held companies should be accountable to the public on their positions on critical public policy issues, such as universal health care. This is especially urgent for those in the health care industry. We urge the Board to report annually about how it is implementing such principles and ask fellow shareholders to support this resolution.



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Nov. 14, 2007

Ms. Margaret Weber
Corporate Responsibility Director
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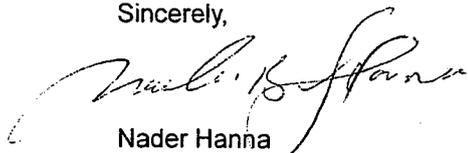
Re: The Basilian Fathers of Toronto Account*** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 ***

Dear Ms. Weber:

In regard to your request for verification of holdings, the above referenced account currently holds (5900) shares of ABBOTT LABS INC common stock; the US book value was \$143059.24 as of Nov. 13, 2007. Also, we confirm that RBC Dexia Trust held these shares for more than a year.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Nader Hanna
Client Service Manger

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Deborah K
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11/26/2007 09:50 AM

To Christine E Feldman/LAKE/CORP/ABBOTT@ABBOTT

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Subject Fw: Health resolution title

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Deborah K. Koenen

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Margaret Weber
<weber@igc.org>

11/21/2007 09:33 AM

To deborah.koenen@abbott.com

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Subject Health resolution title

Nov. 21, 2007

Dear Ms. Koenen,

This is to confirm that I do not intend the title to be included in the proxy.

Margaret

Margaret Weber
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November 15, 2007

MILES WHITE
ABBOTT LABORATORIES
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ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400

Dear Mr. White,

On behalf of the Benedictine Sisters Charitable Trust, I write to give notice that pursuant to the 2008 proxy statement of Abbott Laboratories and Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust intends to co-file the attached proposal with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, NJ at the 2008 annual meeting of shareholders.

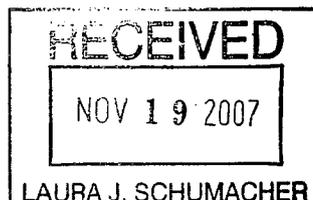
The Benedictine Sisters Charitable Trust is a beneficial owner of 1,000 shares and has held these shares for over one year. In addition, the Trust intends to hold the shares through the date on which the Annual Meeting is held.

Sr. Barbara Aires with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, NJ will be our representative regarding this resolution and she can be reached at 973-290-5402.

Sincerely,

Sr. Susan Mika

Sr. Susan Mika, OSB
Director, Corporate Responsibility



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Health Care Reform Principles - Pharma 2008 – Abbott Laboratories

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Congregation of Benedictine Sisters
416 W. Highland Dr.
Boerne, TX 78006

Re: Filing of stockholder resolution by Congregation of Benedictine Sisters

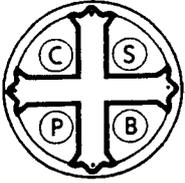
This letter shall serve as verification that the Congregation of Benedictine Sisters of Boerne, Texas own 1000 shares of Abbott Laboratories.(symbol ABT) common stock. The shares are held in the account of the Congregation of Benedictine Sisters at Fidelity Investments. The shares have been in the account since it was transferred to Fidelity Investments from Broadway Brokerage on January 18, 2006.

Sincerely,

Lexia Limon
Client Services Specialist

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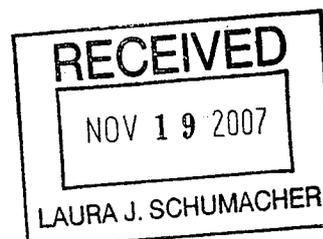
On behalf the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia, I write to give notice that pursuant to the 2008 proxy statement of Abbott Laboratories and Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia intends to co-file the attached proposal with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, NJ at the 2008 annual meeting of shareholders. The Benedictine Sisters of Virginia is a beneficial owner of 2000 of shares and has held these shares for over one year. In addition, the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia intends to hold the shares through the date on which the Annual Meeting is held.

Sr. Barbara Aires with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, NJ will be our representative regarding this resolution and she can be reached at 973-290-5402.

Sincerely,

Sister Henry Marie Zimmermann, OSB

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Treasurer - Benedictine Sisters of Virginia



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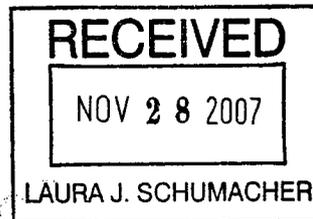
This letter will confirm that the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia currently own 2,000 shares of Abbott Laboratories common stock and has owned the stock more than one year.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me at 800-552-7757 if you have questions.

Sincerely,


John J. Muldowney
Senior Vice President

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November 14, 2007

Mr. Miles White
Chairman and CEO
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
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Dear Mr. White:

The Camilla Madden Charitable Trust, in conjunction with Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth New Jersey, hereby submits the enclosed shareholder resolution, *Health Care Principles for the Health Care Industry*, to the company for inclusion in the proxy statement for the 2008 shareholder meeting, under Rule 14a-8 of general rules and regulations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We would appreciate indication in the proxy statement that the Trust is a co-sponsor of this resolution.

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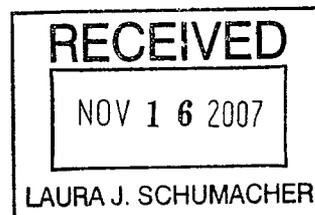
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Margaret Weber
Representative for the Camilla Madden Charitable Trust
Coordinator of Corporate Responsibility
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Encl. Resolution text and Verification of ownership

Cc: Barbara Aires, SCNJ
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Ms. Margaret Weber
Coordinator of Corporate Responsibility
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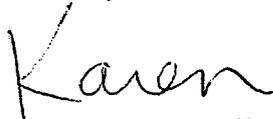
**RE: CAMILLA MADDEN CHARITABLE TRUST ATALANTA SOSNOFF CAPITAL
ACCOUNT** *** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 ***

Dear Margaret:

In regard to your request for a verification of holdings, the above referenced account currently holds 37,100 shares of ABBOTT LABS common stock. The attached list indicates the date the stock was acquired.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Moncrieff
Vice President
(313) 222-7092

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November 14, 2007

Ms. Margaret Weber
Coordinator of Corporate Responsibility
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**RE: CAMILLA MADDEN CHARITABLE TRUST SHAREHOLDER ACTION ACCT.
ACCOUNT *** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 *****

Dear Margaret:

In regard to your request for a verification of holdings, the above referenced account currently holds 100 shares of ABBOTT LABS common stock. The attached list indicates the date the stock was acquired.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Moncrieff
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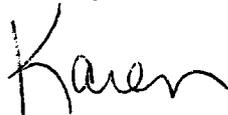
**RE: CAMILLA MADDEN CHARITABLE TRUST T ROWE PRICE
ACCOUNT *** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 *****

Dear Margaret:

In regard to your request for a verification of holdings, the above referenced account currently holds 2,950 shares of ABBOTT LABS common stock. The attached list indicates the date the stock was acquired.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Moncrieff
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A spirit of innovation, a legacy of care.

November 19, 2007

Miles White, CEO
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
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Health Care

Dear Mr. White:

Catholic Health Initiatives is one of the largest Catholic health care systems in the country, spanning 19 states and operating 72 hospitals; 42 long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities and residential units; and several Community Health Services Organizations. As a religiously sponsored organization, Catholic Health Initiatives seeks to reflect its mission, vision and values in its investment decisions.

Catholic Health Initiatives is deeply concerned about the current state of our nation's health care system. The need for health care reform has become a pressing social issue. Corporations actively engage in lobbying efforts on varied public policy issues – health care should be one of them. As shareholders, we believe our Company's Board of Directors should adopt principles for comprehensive health reform and actively work to advance them both internally and externally.

Catholic Health Initiatives is the beneficial owner of approximately 239,965.00 shares of Abbott Laboratories common stock. Through this letter we notify the company of our sponsorship of the enclosed resolution. We present it for inclusion in the proxy statement for action at the next stockholders meeting in accordance with Rule 14(a)(8) of the General Rules and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. In addition, we request that we be listed as a sponsor of this resolution in the company proxy statement.

Verification of our ownership of this stock for at least one year is enclosed. We intend to maintain ownership through the date of the annual meeting. There will be a representative present at the stockholders meeting to present this resolution as required by SEC Rules. We are filing this resolution along with other concerned investors including the primary filer, Sr. Barbara Aires, Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth of New Jersey. Colleen Scanlon, Senior Vice President, Advocacy will be the contact for Catholic Health Initiatives and can be reached at 303-383-2693.

Sincerely,

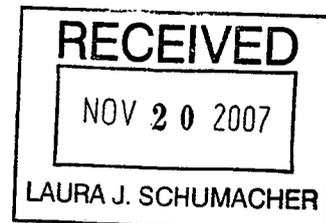
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President and CEO

Attachments

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cc: Sr. Barbara Aires, Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, New Jersey
Nadira Narine, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility



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November 13, 2007

Mr. Randall Baum, CFA,CCM
Manager, Cash & Investments
Catholic Health Initiatives
1999 Broadway
Suite 2605
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Randy:

This letter is in response to your request for confirmation that Catholic Health Initiatives currently holds 239,965.00 shares of ABBOTT LABS COM. Catholic Health Initiatives has continuously held shares of this stock for at least one year prior to submission of CHI's letter of proposal and such investment has a market value greater than \$2,000.

This security is currently held by Mellon Bank, N.A. for Catholic Health Initiatives in our nominee name at the Depository Trust Company and this letter is a statement of Mellon Financial Corp. as record holder of the above referenced common stock.

Please contact me directly at 412-234-8823 with any questions.

Thank you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Tomko".

Elizabeth A. Tomko
Vice President
Client Administration

Health Care Principles for the Health Care Industry

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

November 14, 2007

Miles White CEO
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, IL 60064-6400

Dear Mr. White:

Catholic Healthcare Partners, a Catholic healthcare ministry headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio has long been concerned not only with the financial returns of its investments, but also (with many other churches and socially concerned investors) with the social and ethical implications of its investments. As background, Catholic Healthcare Partners is one of the largest not-for-profit health systems in the United States and the largest in Ohio. Catholic Healthcare Partners is currently the beneficial owner of shares of Abbott Laboratories.

We believe that a commitment to employees, communities and the environment fosters long-term business success. As healthcare providers, we are keenly aware of the challenges in the current health system, including concerns relating to both the cost and quality of care, and we are concerned as well that all persons have access to needed services, irrespective of individual ability to pay. As an employer, we are aware of the economic burden providing health benefits places on all American businesses. As long term shareholders, we believe it is in the interests of this company to ensure all Americans have access to healthcare that is affordable and provided equitably.

Catholic Healthcare Partners is therefore co-filing with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, N.J. the enclosed shareholder proposal for adoption of principles of comprehensive health reform for inclusion in the 2008 proxy statement, in accordance with Rule 14a-8 of the General Rules and Regulations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Catholic Healthcare Partners has been a shareholder for more than one year and will continue to invest in at least the requisite number of shares for proxy resolutions through the stockholders' meeting. We have enclosed a copy of the verification of our ownership position and will forward the original letter under separate cover. A representative of the filers will attend the stockholders' meeting to move the resolution as required by the SEC rules.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Connelly
President & CEO
Catholic Healthcare Partners

Encl. Resolution Text and Verification of Ownership
cc: Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility
Sr. Barbara Aires, Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, N.J.

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November 14, 2007

Miles White CEO
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, IL 60064-6400

Dear Mr. White:

We, State Street Bank, hereby verify that our client, Catholic Healthcare Partners (CHP), held an aggregate of 44,480 (Shares") of Abbott Labs, Common Stock Cusip 002824100 as of November 13, 2007. These shares were held in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"). The Shares were held in the DTC Participant Account of State Street Bank and Trust Company #997 for the benefit of Catholic Healthcare Partners. The Shares held for the benefit of Catholic Healthcare Partners were held as follows:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan McCusker
Assistant Vice President



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Assistant Vice President

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November 15, 2007

Mr. Miles White
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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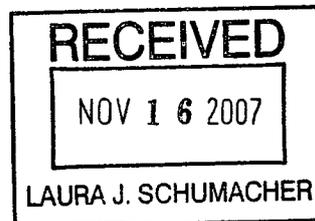
Dear Mr. White:

Catholic Healthcare West, in collaboration with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, hereby submits the enclosed proposal *Health Care Principles* for inclusion in the proxy statement for consideration and action by the 2008 shareholders meeting in accordance with Rule 14(a)(8) of the General Rules and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. We would appreciate indication in the proxy statement that Catholic Healthcare West is a sponsor of this resolution.

Catholic Healthcare West has held over \$2000.00 worth of Abbott Laboratories stock for more than one year, and we will continue to hold shares in the company through the stockholder meeting. Proof of ownership will be provided upon request. A representative of the filers will attend the stockholders meeting to move the resolution as required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Sincerely yours,

Susan Vickers, RSM
Vice President Community Health



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cc: Nadira Narine, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility
Julie Wokaty, ICCR Director of Publications
Sr. Barbara Aires, Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth

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Health Care Reform Principles - Pharma 2008 – Abbott Laboratories

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Catholic Healthcare West

November 30, 2007

Deborah Koenen
Senior Counsel
Abbott Laboratories
Securities and Benefits
Dept. 0321, Bldg. AP6A-2
100 Abbott Park
Abbott Park, IL 60064-6011

Dear Ms. Koenen:

Please find enclosed as requested the proof of stock ownership from Catholic Healthcare West. Catholic Healthcare West will continue to hold ownership of this stock through the scheduled 2008 Shareholder Meeting.

In addition I am confirming that Catholic Healthcare West does not intend the title of the shareholder proposal to be included in Abbott's proxy statement.

Sincerely,

Susan Vickers, RSM

VP, Community Health
Catholic Healthcare West

Erin Rodriguez
Vice President

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November 16, 2007

Sr. Susan Vickers
VP Community Health
Catholic Healthcare West
185 Berry Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94107
Fax #415-591-2404

Re: Stock Verification Letter

Dear Susan:

Please accept this letter as confirmation that Catholic Healthcare West has owned at least 200 shares or \$2,000.00 of the following securities from November 15, 2006 - November 15, 2007. The November 15, 2007 share positions are listed below:

Security	CUSIP	Shares
Abbott Labs	002824100	184,350
Wyeth	983024100	153,400
Chevron Corp	166764100	139,750
Actna Inc	00817Y108	65,100

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,





Deborah K. Koenen
Senior Counsel

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November 19, 2007

Via Federal Express

Susan Vickers, RSM
Vice President Community Health
Catholic Healthcare West
185 Berry Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94107-1739

Dear Ms. Vickers:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your shareholder proposal. Your proposal contains 499 words, excluding the title. Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 sets a 500-word limitation for shareholder proposals. Please confirm that you do not intend the title of the shareholder proposal to be included in Abbott's proxy statement.

Additionally, Rule 14a-8 requires you submit verification of stock ownership. Therefore, proof of stock ownership should be submitted as well.

Our 2008 Shareholders Meeting is currently scheduled to be held on Friday, April 25, 2008.

Sincerely,

Deborah K. Koenen





Congregation of Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

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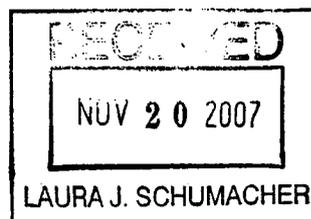
Dear Mr. White,

On behalf Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration I write to give notice that pursuant to the 2008 proxy statement of Abbott Laboratories and Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration intends to co-file the attached proposal with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, NJ at the 2008 annual meeting of shareholders. The Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration is a beneficial owner of 975 of shares and has held these shares for over one year. In addition, the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration intends to hold the shares through the date on which the Annual Meeting is held.

Sr. Barbara Aires with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, NJ will be our representative regarding this resolution and she can be reached at 973-290-5402.

Sincerely,

Sr. Valerie Stark, O.S.B.
Treasurer



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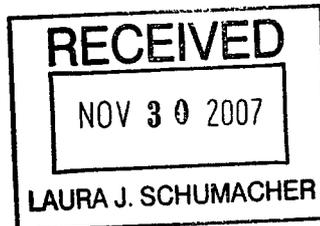
RE: Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration Stock Position Confirmation

Mr. White,

The Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration Retirement Fund currently holds 1,100 shares of Abbott Laboratories common stock, valued at \$59,675.00 as of November 26, 2007. They have held 975 of these shares, valued at \$52,893.75 since November 2, 2006. Please see the attached statements from both Fidelity Investments and Creative Planning Private Wealth Management, confirming this information.

Thank you,

Peter Mallouk, J.D., MBA, CFP
Owner/Principal



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*** FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16 ***

CONGREGATION OF **D**IVINE **P**ROVIDENCE
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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November 16, 2007

MILES WHITE
ABBOTT LABORATORIES
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD
ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400

Dear Mr. White,

On behalf of the CONGREGATION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE, INC., I write to give notice that pursuant to the 2008 proxy statement of Abbott Laboratories and Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, CDP, INC. intends to co-file the attached proposal with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, NJ at the 2008 annual meeting of shareholders. CDP, INC. is a beneficial owner of 1,500+ shares of Abbott Laboratories stock and has held these shares for over one year. In addition, the Congregation of Divine Providence intends to hold the shares through the date on which the Annual Meeting is held.

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Sr. Madonna Sangalli

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Treasurer
Congregation of Divine Providence



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November 19, 2007

Miles White
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Dear Mr. White;

This letter is to confirm that the Congregation of Divine Providence account with The Quantitative Group has held Abbott Laboratories in their portfolio.

CDP originally purchased 280 shares ABT with a cost of \$9,500.18 on 06/24/2002. As of 11/19/2007 the account holds 1830 shares of Abbott Labs with a value of \$101,034.30.

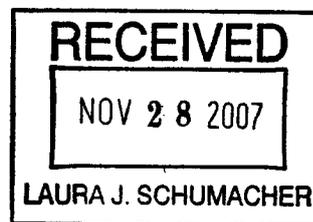
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November 15, 2007

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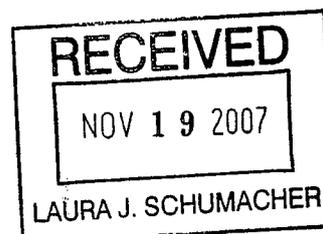
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Sr. Barbara Aires with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, NJ will be our representative regarding this resolution and she can be reached at 973-290-5402.

Sincerely,

Rose Marie Stallbaumer, OSB
Treasurer



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November 26, 2007

Mr. Miles White, CEO
Abbott Labs
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RE: Mt St Scholastica, TIN# 48-0548363

Dear Mr. White,

This letter shall serve as verification of ownership of 315 shares of Abbott Labs common stock by the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica, Inc. Shares are currently held in street name with Merrill Lynch Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. Ownership of stated shares by Mount St. Scholastica, Inc. has existed for well over one year, and will be held through the time of the annual meeting.

Please grant all privileges and consideration due the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica as prescribed by their length of ownership of Abbott Labs common stock.

Sincerely,

Jody Herbert, CA
Geringer, Laub, Haag & Associates

Cc: Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica, Inc.

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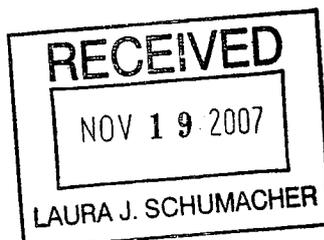
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Sr. Madonna Sangalli

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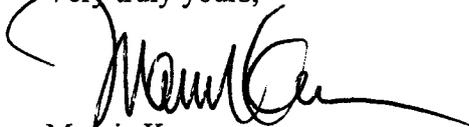
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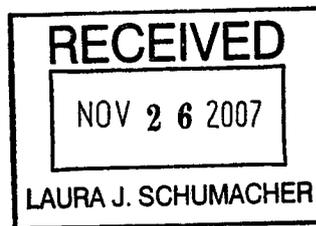
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November 7, 2007

Mr. Miles White, CEO
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400

Dear Mr. White,

As Director of Corporate Social Responsibility for The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, Texas. I am hereby authorized to notify you of our intention to submit the shareholder proposal **Health Care Principles for the Healthcare Industry** in coordination with Sister Barbara Aires, SC of The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth who shall serve as the primary contact for the shareholder group. We hereby support its inclusion in the proxy statement in accordance with Rule 14(a)(8) of the General Rules and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word Houston, Texas, is the beneficial owner of 100 shares of Abbott Laboratories stock. Verification of beneficial ownership will be forwarded under separate cover. We have held stock for over one year and plan to continue to hold shares through the 2008 shareholder meeting.

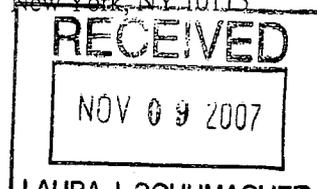
Sincerely,

Sister Lillian Anne Healy, CCVI
Director of Corporate Social Responsibility

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cc: Sister Barbara Aires, SC
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Deborah K. Koenen, Senior Counsel
Abbott Laboratories
Securities and Benefits
Dept. 032Lm Bldg, AO6A-2
100 Abbott Park
Abbott Park, IL 60064-6011

Dear Ms. Koenen,

In response to your letter dated November 19, 2007 I would like to clarify. On behalf of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, I do **not** intend to include the title of the shareholder resolution in Abbott's proxy statement.

Sincerely,

Sister Lillian Anne Healy, CCVI
Director of Corporate Social Responsibility

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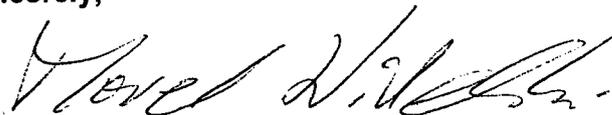
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November 7, 2007

Mr. Miles White
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, IL 60064
Tel# 847-937-3417

It has been requested by the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word that we verify proof of ownership of Abbott Laboratories stock. We, Citibank N.A. as Custodian for the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word verify that the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word has been a continuous owner of Abbott Laboratories stock with market value of at least \$2,000.00 for a period of at least one year. The Congregation will retain shares with market value of at least \$2,000.00 through the annual meeting.

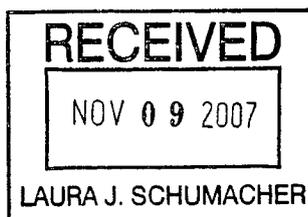
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Miles White
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Dear Mr. White,

As you are aware, each day more and more Americans are finding their health and well being compromised by their lack of access to affordable health care. This is currently the most significant social policy issue in the United States. We know that Abbott is very involved in this critical public policy issue. We expect the Company to be a leader in adopting and acting on principles for comprehensive, equitable health care reform, and to be accountable to shareholders and the public for its actions.

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary U.S. - Ontario Province are co-filing the enclosed resolution with the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth for action at the next annual meeting. We submit it for inclusion in the proxy statement in accordance with Rule 14(a)(8) of the General Rules and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. A representative of the filers will attend the annual meeting to move the resolution as required by SEC rules.

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary U.S.- Ontario Province is the beneficial owner of at least \$2000 worth of Abbott common stock. Letters verifying our ownership are enclosed. We have held the requisite amount of stock for over one year and intend to maintain ownership through the annual meeting in 2008.

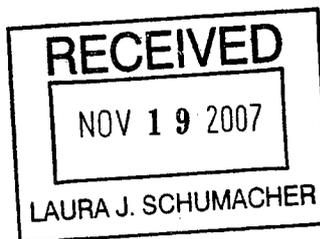
For matters relating to this resolution, please contact our authorized representative, Sr. Barbara Aires, 973.290.5402; baire@scnj.org

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Ellen Holohan, snjm
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Treasurer

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Verification of ownership



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THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

November 13, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to verify that Sisters of the Holy Names of Mary and Jesus owns 7,000 shares of ABBOTT LABORATORIES common stock. Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary owned the required amount of securities on November 13, 2007 and have continuously owned the securities for at least 12 months prior to November 13, 2007. At least the minimum number of shares required will continue to be held through the time of the company's next annual meeting.

This security is currently held by The Bank of New York Mellon who serves as custodian for Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. The shares are registered in our nominee name at The Bank of New York Mellon.

Sincerely,


Rachael Manning





Office Of The Treasurer

Sisters of the Holy Spirit
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November 14, 2007

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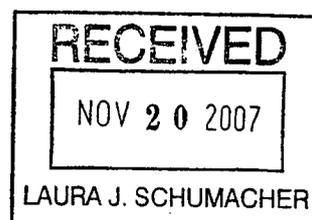
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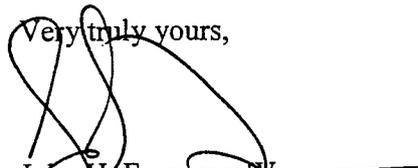
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*** FIVE & OMB Memorandum ~~RE~~ Holy Spirit Trust

Dear Mr. White:

I have been instructed by Sister Gabriella Lohan, the general treasurer of The Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate, to confirm to you by this letter, that the above referenced account holds Abbott Laboratories stock valued in excess of \$2,000.00, and has held such stock for more than one year. Specifically, The Holy Spirit Trust has 100 shares of Abbott Laboratories. We have been further instructed to hold such stock at least through Abbott Laboratories' next annual shareholder meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

John H. Ferguson
Vice President

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cc: Sister Gabriella Lohan
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November 12, 2007

Mr. Miles White, CEO
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, IL 60064-6400

Dear Mr. White,

The Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother share the concern of many U.S. citizens over all those persons who cannot afford health care coverage. We are sure that you also share that concern.

I am hereby authorized to notify you of our intention to co-file a resolution sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, NJ. The resolution asks the company to adopt principles for comprehensive health care reform. The Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother submit this resolution for inclusion in the proxy statement, in accordance with Rule 14, A-8 of the General Rules and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

The Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother own over 6,000 shares and will maintain ownership of sufficient shares until after the annual meeting. The report from our custodian is enclosed.

If you should, for any reason, desire to oppose the adoption of this proposal at the stockholders' meeting, please include in the corporation's proxy material the stockholder resolution and supporting statement as required by the aforementioned Rules and Regulations.

Please contact Sr. Barbara Aires at 973-290-5402 if any questions arise. Thank you for your attention to this.

We continue to be open to dialogue with Abbott Laboratories on this topic.

Sincerely,

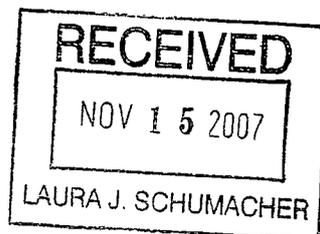
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Health Care Principles for the Health Care Industry

The overriding domestic policy concern of U.S. citizens involves some form of universal health care. Besides the Iraqi war, the greatest public policy issue in the 2008 presidential campaign has been universal health care reform.

Most citizens want their government to “guarantee health insurance for all Americans,” particularly children. They say they’d pay higher taxes to make this possible, although they disagree about how to achieve this.

Given such findings, health care reform has become an overriding public policy issue for the health care industry, including our company. Its paid lobbyists seek to influence elected leaders regarding the company’s position. Often this occurs in less-than-transparent ways and, at times, against the interests of its stakeholders.

In 2006, the health sector spent \$351.1 million to lobby the federal government. This represents 13.8% of all spending on lobbying. It nearly equals similar spending by the financial sector. Within the health sector, manufacturers of drugs, medical devices, and other health care products spent the most. Between 1998 and 2006, the AMA, the American Hospital Association, AARP, and PhRMA spent, respectively, the second, fourth, sixth, and seventh most on lobbying.

Although contributions from the health sector to presidential and other federal candidates may increase, they are projected to be dwarfed by the overall amount the health industry spends to lobby. Most of this occurs without shareholder consent and that of other stakeholders whose public policy interests may be opposed to those of our company.

Currently, there is broad support across most sectors of the United States for “fundamental changes in” or “completely rebuilding” the health care system. Our company can no longer hide behind any veil or secrecy or argue that its lobbying to affect public policy is “ordinary business,” especially when polls show that the goals of such lobbying may be diametrically opposed to the stated interests of ordinary citizens such as its consumers.

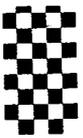
Existing law demands companies reveal the amount they spend on lobbying but not what they lobby for. Because such lobbying by the health care industry, including that of our company, actually may counter the underlying interests of its shareholders, therefore,

RESOLVED: shareholders urge the Board of Directors to adopt principles for comprehensive health care reform (such as those based upon principles reported by the Institute of Medicine:

1. Health care coverage should be universal.
2. Health care coverage should be continuous.
3. Health care coverage should be affordable to individuals and families.
4. The health insurance strategy should be affordable and sustainable for society.
5. Health insurance should enhance health and well being by promoting access to high-quality care that is effective, efficient, safe, timely, patient-centered, and equitable).

Supporting Statement

As shareholders, we believe publicly-held companies should be accountable to the public on their positions on critical public policy issues, such as universal health care. This is especially urgent for those in the health care industry. We urge the Board to report annually about how it is implementing such principles and ask fellow shareholders to support this resolution.



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November 19, 2007

Via Federal Express

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Dear Sister Paulik:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your shareholder proposal and proof of stock ownership. Your proposal contains 499 words, excluding the title. Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 sets a 500-word limitation for shareholder proposals. Please confirm that you do not intend the title of the shareholder proposal to be included in Abbott's proxy statement.

Our 2008 Shareholders Meeting is currently scheduled to be held on Friday, April 25, 2008.

Sincerely,

Deborah K. Koenen

*I confirm that I do not intend the title to be included.
Sister M. Cecile Paulik*



Exhibit C

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January 7, 2008

By Messenger

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Re: **Abbott Laboratories – Shareholder Proposal Submitted by Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Basilian Fathers of Toronto, Benedictine Sisters Charitable Trust (Texas), Benedictine Sisters of Virginia, Camilla Madden Charitable Trust, Catholic Health Initiatives, Catholic Healthcare Partners, Catholic Healthcare West, Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Congregation of Divine Providence, Inc., Mount St. Scholastica Benedictine Sisters, Providence Trust, Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, Texas, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary U.S.-Ontario Province, Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate and Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother International Finance, Inc.**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On December 27, 2007, Abbott Laboratories submitted a request for a no-action letter to the Division of Corporation Finance requesting that the Staff concur with our view that, for the reasons stated in the request, the stockholder proposal (the "Proposal") submitted by Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Basilian Fathers of Toronto, Benedictine Sisters Charitable Trust (Texas), Benedictine Sisters of Virginia, Camilla Madden Charitable Trust, Catholic Health Initiatives, Catholic Healthcare Partners, Catholic Healthcare West, Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Congregation of Divine Providence, Inc., Mount St. Scholastica Benedictine Sisters, Providence Trust, Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, Texas, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary U.S.-Ontario Province, Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate and Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother International Finance, Inc. (the "Proponents") may properly be omitted from the proxy materials for Abbott's 2008 annual meeting of shareholders.

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On January 3, 2008, Abbott received a letter from Sister Barbara Aires, Coordinator of Corporate Responsibility of Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. The letter informed Abbott that the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, as "Lead/primary filer" authorized to act on behalf of the Proponents, were withdrawing the Proposal. (Each of the other Proponents, in their original cover letters to us, copies of which were included with our original request, either expressly designated Sister Barbara Aires as their representative or the primary filer, or stated that they were co-filing or filing in conjunction, coordination or collaboration with the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, and Sister Barbara Aires informed Abbott that she had confirmed the withdrawal with each of the other Proponents.) A copy of the withdrawal letter is enclosed as Exhibit A. We understand that Sister Barbara Aires sent a letter directly to the Securities and Exchange Commission confirming the withdrawal of the Proposal, a copy of which is attached to the withdrawal letter.

Based on the withdrawal of the Proposal by the Proponents, Abbott is hereby withdrawing the request for a no-action letter. A copy of this letter is being provided to each Proponent.

If the Staff has any questions or comments with respect to the foregoing, please contact me at 847.938.3591 or Deborah Koenen at 847.938.6166. We may also be reached by facsimile at 847.938.9492.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



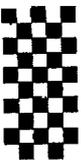
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Enclosures

cc: All representatives of the Proponents listed in Exhibit B.

Exhibit A

Withdrawal Notification



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FAX TRANSMISSION

Date: January 2, 2008

Please deliver immediately upon receipt to the following:

TO: Deborah K. Koenen, General Counsel
Abbott Laboratories

FAX #: 847-938-9492

FROM: Sister Barbara Ann
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Number of pages including cover sheet: _____

COMMENTS:

Deborah,
enclosed letters as stated on your voicemail
John still wgt- Dialogue via Conference call
at least Mr. White would be important!

Barbara

Happy New Year!

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January 2, 2008

Mr. Miles White, CEO
Abbott Laboratories
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By Fax 847-938-9492
Original by mail

Dear Mr. White,

Members of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility had looked forward to an informative and instructive dialogue with representatives of Abbott Laboratories on needed healthcare reform for all in the United States and our Company's position with respect to same. We continue to welcome dialogue with you and your colleagues.

I am authorized to advise you that the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth hereby withdraw the shareholder resolution entitled, "Healthcare Principles for the Health Care Industry", we submitted for inclusion in the 2008 Proxy Statement for consideration of the shareholders.

I am also authorized as the Lead/primary filer to withdraw the aforesaid resolution for the following organizations:

- Basilian Fathers of Toronto
- Benedictine Sisters Charitable Trust (Texas)
- Benedictine Sisters of Virginia
- Camilla Madden Charitable Trust (Michigan)
- Catholic Health Initiatives (Colorado)
- Catholic Healthcare Partners (Ohio)
- Catholic Healthcare West (California)
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- Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary U.S. – Ontario Province (Oregon)
- Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate (Texas)
- Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother International Finance (Wisconsin)

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission notifying them of the withdrawal of the resolution.

We look forward to discussion with our Company.

Sincerely,



Sister Barbara Aires, SC
Coordinator of Corporate Responsibility

Enc.

cc: To all filers listed above

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January 2, 2008

Securities and Exchange Commission
Judiciary Plaza
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Dear Madam/Sir:

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth hereby withdraw the shareholder resolution entitled, "Healthcare Principles for the Health Care Industry," we submitted as shareholders in Abbott Laboratories for inclusion in the 2008 Proxy Statement.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. Miles White, CEO of Abbott Laboratories indicating the withdrawal of the resolution for consideration at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

Sister Barbara Aires

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