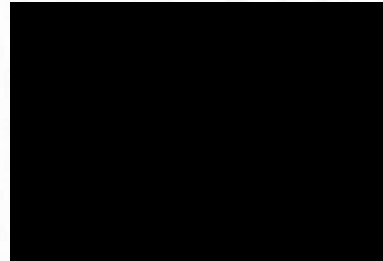


Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2107  
March 6, 2012

## DISTRICT OFFICES:

5 HIGH STREET, SUITE 101  
MEDFORD, MA 02155  
(781) 396-2900188 CONCORD STREET, SUITE 102  
FRAMINGHAM, MA 01702  
(508) 875-2900<http://markey.house.gov>

Historically, epoxy resins and polycarbonate plastic coatings made with the chemical bisphenol A (BPA) have been used in the lining of metal food and beverage containers. Recently, there has been increase in public concern about the health impacts that exposure to BPA may have, if BPA were to leach from these liners or other packaging material and be consumed. As a result of this concern, major manufacturers of canned infant formula and infant bottles and cups have completely abandoned the use of BPA in manufacturing these products. Recently, several companies who manufacture and sell other canned or packaged food and beverage products have made public statements demonstrating a similar shift away from the use of BPA in packaging these goods. To better understand and clarify the nature of this manufacturing change, I respectfully request that you respond to the following questions no later than close of business on March 13, 2012.

1. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of canned food products (including, but not limited to, vegetables, fruits, fish/meats and pasta)?
2. Does your company currently use BPA in the liners of canned beverage products, including any beverages marketed to children younger than age 12?
3. Does your company currently use BPA in the plastic container of packaged food or beverage products?
4. What percentage of your company's canned food and/or beverage containers are lined or constructed with substances that contain BPA?
5. Please list any category of canned or other packaged food or beverage product (i.e., vegetables, fruits, fish/meats, pasta, foods marketed to children younger than age 12, beverages marketed to children younger than age 12 or any other category not listed) where BPA is not used in the packaging of the product. For each such category, please indicate what percentage of your company's food products and what percentage of your company's beverage products are comprised of each category.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Dr. Avenel Joseph of my staff at 202-225-2836.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward J. Markey".

Edward J. Markey