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James D. Sinegal President and CEO Costco, Inc. 999 Lake Drive Issaquah, Wa 98027

Dear Mr. Sinegal:

It has come to our attention via communication with senior managers at Costco that you do not stock the Planet Toys' CSI: Crime Scene Investigation ™ Fingerprint Examination Kit in the company's retail stores nationwide. We are pleased to know that you do not carry this product and thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

As you know, recent tests by three independent labs tested the children's toy and found dangerous levels of asbestos in powders contained in some sample kits. One of the most dangerous forms of asbestos, Tremolite, was found at percentages as high as 7.2 percent in 1 of the 5 powders contained in the kit, and in 6 out of 8 samples tested. The results were confirmed by blinded samples at separate labs.

Asbestos has no place in children's toys or any other consumer products. We hope that you will join us in working to ensure that this fiber, which is arguably the most potent cancer causing substance known to man, is finally banned from the many consumer products in which it is still used.

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