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Dear Mr Watkins

Thank you for your letter to Abbott dated 14th February 2018.

Abbott believes that proper nutrition provides the foundation for a healthy life and we are passionately committed to improving infant and child health outcomes through good nutrition. We fully agree that breastmilk provides the best nutrition for infants, and support the World Health Organization's goal of increasing breastfeeding rates. Accordingly, we do not market infant formula in a way that competes with breastfeeding.

Mothers have the right to make decisions on the most appropriate way to feed their babies, and when allowed by local law they also have the right to information that is accurate and not misleading. We always communicate ethically and responsibly about our products.

Our global policy on infant formula marketing is available [here](#). Additionally, local policies are implemented to ensure compliance with local laws and regulations. Rigorous review processes are in place to make sure all of the claims we make are accurate, supported by sound science, and compliant with local regulations. All reports of non-compliance are taken seriously and the company has a process in place to review these reports and take actions based on our findings.

We believe we contribute positively to global nutrition. To learn about our Abbott Fund Institute of Nutrition Science programs in China and Vietnam, click [here](#), our Haiti program click [here](#), our fortified rice program click [here](#).

Sincerely,

Joseph Manning
Senior Vice President, Abbott Nutrition International