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<u>VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL</u> Laura Brett, Esq. Vice President National Advertising Division 112 Madison Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor New York, NY 10016

## Re: Advertising by Capillus LLC for the Capillus 82 laser hair cap

Dear Ms. Brett:

We have reviewed the National Advertising Division's referral to the FTC of its inquiry into Capillus LLC's advertising claims. Your referral indicated that Capillus agreed to comply with NAD's recommendations in August 2017, but then was unwilling to make additional modifications to its advertisements in 2018 in accordance with those recommendations. Accordingly, you referred this matter to the FTC for our review.

Upon careful review of this referral, including non-public information Capillus provided during our investigation, we have determined not to recommend enforcement action at this time. In coming to this conclusion, we considered a number of factors, including the type and severity of any consumer injury, the FDA's findings of substantial equivalency for certain products, and Capillus's discontinuation or modification of certain claims.

Staff's decision not to recommend enforcement action at this time and to close the investigation is not to be construed as a determination that a violation of law did not occur, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take further action as the public interest may

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warrant. The FTC appreciates your referral and the opportunity to continue to assist in supporting the NAD.

Sincerely,

Jon Miller Steiger Director, East Central Region

cc: Anthony E. DiResta, Esq. and Da'Morus A. Cohen, Esq., Holland & Knight