



Invitation to comment on an article for Forbes.com



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From: **Vani Hari**
Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2015 at 8:51 PM
Subject: Re: Invitation to comment on an article for Forbes.com
To: Kavin Senapathy

Dear Kavin,

If Forbes requires you disclose any conflicts of interest, then will you do so? What sources of outside compensation do you have?

Thanks,
Vani

On Wed, Nov 18, 2015 at 5:36 PM, Kavin Senapathy <> wrote:

Dear Vani,

As a contributor, Forbes requires that I disclose any conflicts of interest. I reached out to you as a courtesy for comment on the article. If you would like to respond, please do so by COB Friday 11/20. If not, I will plan to proceed with the article without your comments.

Best regards,

Kavin

On Wed, Nov 18, 2015 at 2:49 PM, Vani Hari <> wrote:

Dear Kavin -

I have questions about your ethics and whether you have any conflicts of interest and that is why my questions are relevant. Please let me know the answers before moving forward.

Thank you kindly,
Vani

On Tue, Nov 17, 2015 at 4:28 PM, Kavin Senapathy <> wrote:

Dear Vani,

I am an independent contractor, aka "contributor" at Forbes. Forbes pays me. I don't think the rest of the

questions are relevant. Please let me know if you plan on commenting for the article. If you do, please return your answers by Friday, 11/20.

Regards,

Kavin Senapathy

On Tue, Nov 17, 2015 at 12:49 PM, Vani Hari <> wrote:

Dear Ms. Senapathy,

Before proceeding, I have a few questions for you that I appreciate responses to:

- Who is paying for your writing at Forbes?
- Have you ever, or are you currently, working with any PR firms or Non-Profits?
- Who is (are) your current employer(s) and your job title?
- Are you subject to any non-disclosure agreements?

Thank you kindly,

Vani

On Thu, Nov 12, 2015 at 7:26 PM, Kavin Senapathy <> wrote:

Vani,

Thanks for your response. Please respond by COB Wednesday 11/18. Your comments would most likely not be included in their entirety due to length constraints, but I will definitely keep them in context. Full disclosure: If you aren't aware, though I believe you are, I'm a writer who has co-authored a book critical of your claims about food and health.

I'm curious about your thoughts on the following:

In your blog post "Throw This Out Of Your Bathroom Cabinet Immediately", you claim that aluminum is a potent neurotoxin linked to Alzheimers Disease, breast cancer, and more. This blog post is dated April of 2013. Do you still believe that consumers should avoid aluminum?

You've written that erucic acid is poisonous, do you still hold this position?

Are coal tar dyes such as yellow 5 and blue 1 to be avoided by adults as well as children?

In your book you write "Agave nectar is unnatural and highly refined. It can make you gain weight, and it can affect your liver and your overall health." Do you still advocate avoiding agave nectar in

products? Why do you think it affects the liver and overall health?

In your blog posts "holistic hair care" and "be a drug store beauty dropout" you warn that toxic chemicals can be absorbed through the skin and hair. How do you rate their danger vis a vis toxins that are ingested?

Do you feel the IARC list of carcinogens is an authoritative source?

Are all additives ending in -methicone and -sil, oxane considered endocrine disruptors or are there exceptions?

Regards,

Kavin

On Thu, Nov 12, 2015 at 4:02 PM, Vani Hari <> wrote:

Thanks for your note. I will consider your request. Please send your questions in writing.

Vani

<http://foodbabe.com>

Please excuse typos - replying from mobile.

On Nov 12, 2015, at 3:57 PM, Kavin Senapathy <> wrote:

Hello Vani,

I'm writing an article about certain chemicals and additives that you and others have called dangerous/unsafe. Please let me know by Monday 11/16 if you would like to comment and I would be happy to specify the additives.

Best,

Kavin Senapathy