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Dear Mr. McGilvray:

As a matter interest to the State of Michigan, I am writing you in support of the Perrigo Company's petition to alter its sourcing in Foreign-Trade Subzone 43D. Perrigo, which is based in Allegan, Michigan, must be allowed to increase its importation of bulk ibuprofen from abroad in order to continue its domestic production operations and, more importantly, to remain a viable economic asset to the surrounding region.

As you may well be aware, the State of Michigan has endured significant economic hardships for the past decade. In a State that has lost 300,000 manufacturing jobs, Perrigo is distinguished by its corporate ingenuity and dedication to its domestic workforce. Perrigo employs 2,400 people in Allegan, and its operations are supported by a number of local businesses. With \$1.3 billion in sales in 2006, the company has grown to become the world's largest manufacturer of over-the-counter pharmaceutical and nutrition products for the store-brand market. Moreover, the company is a model of corporate responsibility, especially as evidenced by its insistence upon thoroughly inspected import bulk inputs and adherence to best manufacturing practices.

Due to the high cost of domestic bulk ibuprofen, Perrigo has had to import this source ingredient for its over-the-counter products from abroad in order to keep its high value-added production operations in Michigan. As demand for its products has increased, Perrigo's need for bulk ibuprofen has grown beyond the limits established in the original designation for Foreign-Trade Subzone 43D. By denying Perrigo the ability to increase its foreign sourcing of this important input, the Foreign-Trade Zones Board would unfairly hinder Perrigo's competitiveness

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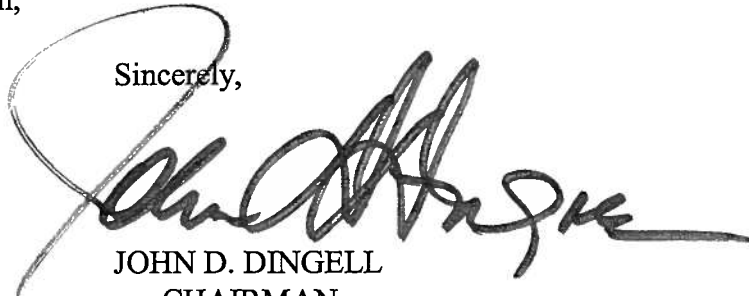
in the United States and could well force the eventual relocation of its manufacturing operations overseas.

I implore you to approve Perrigo's petition to increase its foreign sourcing of ibuprofen. This, as already stated, would protect the company's viability in the United States and aid in Michigan's greatly needed economic resuscitation.

Your kind attention to my concerns is greatly appreciated. If you have further questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Andrew Woelfling with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 225-2927.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Dingell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

JOHN D. DINGELL
CHAIRMAN