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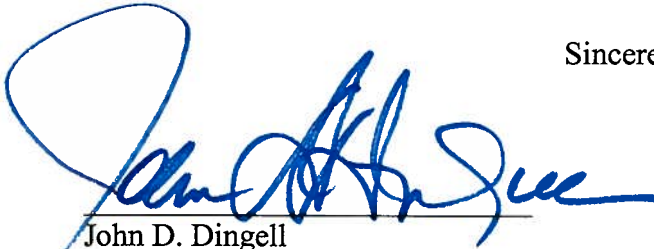
Dear Mr. Walker:

We understand that Representative Henry A. Waxman, Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Senator Edward Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, requested in a January 29, 2008, letter that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) perform a study of the staffing and resources needed by FDA to successfully carry out its oversight of foods, drugs, biologicals, and medical devices.

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce has spent more than a year investigating matters relating to FDA's resource limitations in the areas of food, drugs, and medical device inspections. In addition, GAO has undertaken several reviews at our request related to FDA resources that would overlap with parts of this new study. We therefore ask that that we be added as co-requestors of this latest study.

If you have any further questions about this request, please contact Christopher Knauer with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 226-2424. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
John D. Dingell  
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