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The Honorable John D. Dingell  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter dated January 22, 2008, co-signed by Chairman Bart Stupak, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Energy and Commerce, regarding direct-to-consumer advertising. In your letter, you request information and documents related to advertisements for Lipitor.

In order to respond to your request in a timely manner, I have asked my staff in the Office of Legislation to immediately begin coordinating the timely collation of information from the relevant components of our Agency. Some of the information you requested may take additional time to produce. Please be assured it is my intention to respond at the soonest possible time; the Office of Legislation will keep your staff apprised of the status of our response to your request.

I appreciate your interest in this issue. If you have any questions, please contact our Office of Legislation at (301) 827-3793.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner of Food and Drugs