MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING COMMISSIONER



I am pleased to present the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) FY 2007 Congressional Justification. FDA is the oldest consumer protection agency, and on June 30, 2006, we will celebrate 100 years of service to the nation.

FDA's performance budget request continues support for the President's and Secretary's public health priorities and reflects the goals and objectives in the Department's FY 2005 – 2010 Strategic Plan. Our justification includes the FY 2007 Annual Performance Plan and the FY 2005 Annual Performance Report, as required by

the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993.

The FDA budget justification directly links the presentation of the proposed budget with our performance. At FDA, we manage our programs to achieve measurable results toward objectives that protect and advance the public health. We are eager to share with Congress and the American public our progress on four strategic goals:

- Increasing access to innovative products and technologies to improve health.
- Enhancing patient and consumer protection and empowering them with better information about regulated products.
- Improving product quality, safety, and availability through better manufacturing and product oversight.
- Transforming FDA business operations, systems, and infrastructure to support FDA's mission in the 21st Century.

FDA's strategy will enable us to deploy our resources wisely to achieve our vital public health mission: assuring the safety, efficacy and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices and our nation's food supply.

With the FY 2007 performance budget request, FDA begins our second century of service. As we reflect on the past century, we are struck by the pace of health care innovation. Looking forward, we recognize that scientific discovery will transform food and medical product development at a more dynamic and breathtaking pace.

FDA pledges to respond to this transformation. We will help speed innovations that make our food supply safer and make medicines more effective, safer, and more affordable. We will also work to ensure that the public receives the accurate, science-based information they need to use medicines and foods to improve their health. FDA will meet these challenges while maintaining its century-old commitment to the principles that have made us the world's "gold standard" for regulating food and medical products. We have designed our FY 2007 budget to achieve these important goals.

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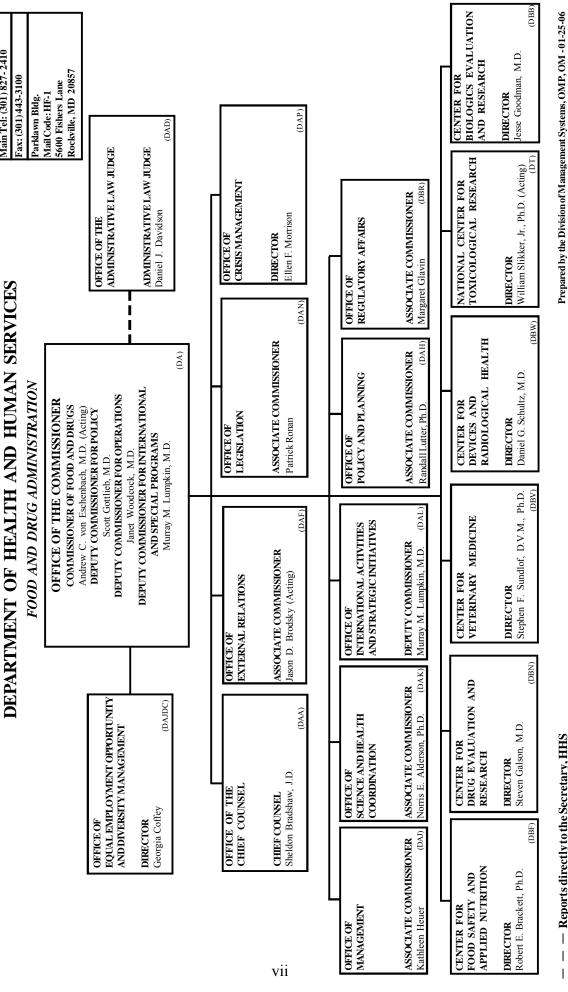
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