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Honorable Charles E. Grassley
SH-135 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your request for information about Schering-Plough's plans and activities related to publicizing information that we may have about the charitable contributions or educational grants we make to patient groups, medical societies, and other medical organizations.

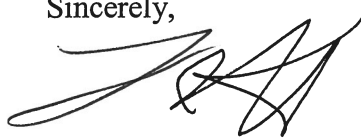
Due to our strong interest in advancing the state of knowledge on preventing and treating health conditions, we provide a variety of contributions, in-kind participation and other support to patients, patient organizations, medical organizations and a variety of other tax exempt entities involved in health care and health research. This support reflects the company's areas of therapeutic focus for both research projects and marketed products -- Cardiovascular, Central Nervous System, Immunology and Infectious Disease, Oncology, Respiratory and Women's Health -- since these are the unmet medical needs that we best understand. These amounts are in addition to funding and contributions to support local initiatives in the areas of culture and the arts, increasing opportunities for women and minorities, social/civic welfare and public policy.

We currently publish an annual statement on our website of political contributions received by federal and state elected legislators from our political action committee (PAC) on behalf of our employees. We do not publish or have plans at the moment to publish a list of charitable contributions or educational grants that medical organizations have received from us.

We are aware of the Physician Payments Sunshine Act, which you and Senator Kohl introduced last fall. We agree that disclosure of information and sunshine on matters that affect patients can be important to patients. If there is a concern on behalf of patients that their physicians are unduly influenced by financial considerations in their medical decision-making, patients should have the right to get information on these financial matters from their physicians. We believe the physicians' willingness to provide patients this information on any financial relations that would influence their judgment is important to maintain the trust of the physician-patient relationship. We are not convinced, however, that much of the information disclosed under the Act would be of benefit to patients or would be easily accessed or correctly interpreted by patients. The information is more likely to give patients the wrong idea about the caliber and dedication of their own physician from this kind of data resource and reduce the trust patients have in their health care provider. This is our present position. We remain open to new information or points of view that may cause us to reassess our position.

We appreciate your concern about this issue, and are happy to answer any questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Sabatino, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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