

MEMORANDUM

TO: Reporters and Editors
FR: Jill Kozeny, 202/224-1308
for Sen. Grassley
RE: FDA recommendations
DA: Thurs., Jan. 11, 2007

Sen. Chuck Grassley issued the comment below regarding recommendations proposed today by the Food and Drug Administration to increase funds for the agency's drug safety program, expand the agency's review of television advertising and facilitate development of new medicines.

Sen. Grassley has led an active oversight effort of the Food and Drug Administration since 2003 and proposed legislative reforms to dramatically improve the agency's post-market surveillance of drugs.

Sen. Grassley's comment:

“These dollars would represent a modest contribution to improving the post-market surveillance work of the Food and Drug Administration. I don't want to denigrate any step in that direction when a step is made with good intention, but to make sure the FDA is doing everything it should to keep American consumers safe, comprehensive reform of the agency's structure and culture is needed.”