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Ms. Christine Simmon Vice President of Policy and Public Affairs Generic Pharmaceutical Association 2300 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 400 Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Docket No. 99P-4618

Dear Ms. Simmon:

This letter confirms the substance of our telephone conversation today regarding the above-referenced citizen petition submitted by the National Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers (NAPM). Since submitting the petition, the NAPM has merged with the Generic Pharmaceutical Association (GPhA). In light of the October 17, 2002, court decision regarding the Pediatric Rule, the GPhA has agreed to withdraw the citizen petition. As we agreed, a copy of this letter has been filed in the docket with the instruction that it constitutes your formal withdrawal. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: HFA-305 (Docket No. 99P-4618/CP1)

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