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August 16, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We received your letter dated August 1, 2007, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review a number of issues concerning how the Food and Drug Administration oversees the safety of imported drugs and drug ingredients.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. Your request has been assigned to Dr. Marjorie Kanof, Managing Director, Health Care, who has staff available to begin the work. Dr. Kanof or a member of her team will contact Mr. Chris Knauer, Mr. Paul Jung, or Ms. Joanne Royce to discuss the request, your needs, and the engagement objectives, scope, and methodology in accordance with GAO's protocols. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kanof at 202-512-5055 or Ms. Rosa Harris, Assistant Director for Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-9492.

Sincerely yours,

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