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Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member Deal:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to the questionnaire prepared by the Subcommittee in accordance with your letter, dated April 3, 2008. We have reviewed the questions and are pleased to provide our feedback on this important public health matter. I currently serve as Chairman of the Board of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO). As such, we have coordinated our reply with BIO and attached those responses to this letter.

Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated is a global biotechnology company based in Cambridge, MA that is dedicated to producing innovative biopharmaceutical products to address unmet medical needs for serious or life-threatening illnesses. Vertex has developed a small-molecule HIV medicine for patients that are commercially marketed by Glaxosmithkline Plc, and we are currently developing new therapies in several disease areas including small-molecule treatments for Hepatitis C and Cystic Fibrosis.

Please feel free to contact me or Amit Sachdev, our Senior Vice President, Public Policy & Government Affairs at 617.444.7916 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Boger".

Joshua Boger, Ph.D.
President & CEO
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Attachment