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Chairman Fred Upton
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton,

As you know, many Americans are frustrated with the FDA and the process that it employs in approving needed medicines. All too often, medicines that would save and improve lives are approved too slowly. In fact, some companies are taking their new medicines overseas because their governments have more modern and science based approaches to approval for medicines. When this happens, we lose jobs and Americans are denied the use of medicines that are safe and effective.

So we are pleased to see that H.R. 6, the "21st Century Cures Act," will enact needed reforms and modernization at the FDA. The initiatives to eliminate duplicative administrative processes, modernize clinical trial procedures, and reduce the FDA's frustrating bureaucratic approach are important changes, will benefit the American public, and could well reduce healthcare costs as we find new cures and prevent illnesses. We believe you've found the right balance and are advancing the needs of patients in the medicine and device approval process.

We also appreciate the entitlement reforms contained in the legislation which will save taxpayers money with those savings growing larger and larger over time. Even the extra funding for NIH and FDA is modest and temporary in comparison to the entitlement savings which will be ongoing and grow over time.

While no bill that has bipartisan support is perfect because all sides must receive something they want, we appreciate the thoughtful balance and sound reforms and budget savings, this bill will achieve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Landrith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "L".

George Landrith
President
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