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February 2, 1998

Michael A. Friedman, Acting Commissioner
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Food and Drug Administration
Parklawn Building - 5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

Dear Commissioner Friedman:

As you may know, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight will hold hearings on the Food and Drug Administration in February. On February 4, the Committee is scheduled to receive testimony from several witnesses who have been patients in clinical drug trials or researchers in clinical drug trials. Because we would like to be adequately informed about the nature of their concerns, we are requesting that you provide a pre-hearing briefing concerning the clinical trials and individual case histories of the following people:

Mr. Berkeley Bedell
Mr. Jack Kunnari
Mr. Dustin Kunnari
Ms. Genevieve Sherman
Ms. Becky Nippert
Ms. Mary Jo Seigel
Ms. Ann Fonfa

Additionally, we are requesting a briefing concerning the clinical trials or other FDA regulated activities which the following researchers may have been involved:

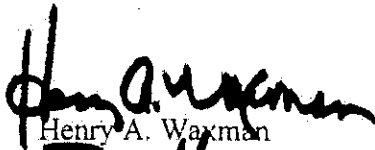
Charles Simone, M.D.
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This request is being sent to you pursuant to 5 U.S.C. sec. 2954, which requires all Executive agencies "on request of ... any seven members" of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee to "submit any information requested of it relative to any matter within the jurisdiction of the committee."

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Please contact Phil Barnett, Minority Chief Counsel by the end of today to arrange such a briefing. If you have any questions, Mr. Barnett can be reached at (202) 225-5051.

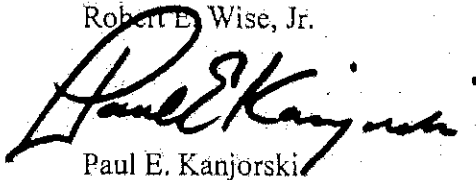
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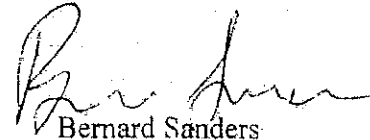
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