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The Honorable Olympia J. Snowe  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1903

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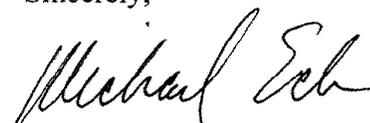
Dear Senator Snowe:

Thank you for your letter of October 1, 2001, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Stephen Foster of Readfield, Maine. Mr. Foster expressed concern with a report released by the Humane Society of the United States recommending a ban on the sale of reptiles as pets. The Humane Society of the United States has petitioned the Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) to modify its rules to implement such a ban (docket 00P-1077).

FDA welcomes your constituent's comments. We have forwarded your letter and your constituent's letter to our Dockets Management Branch to log in as a comment on the petition where they will be reviewed and considered by Agency officials in their decision-making process on this issue.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter. If you have further questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

*for*   
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Associate Commissioner  
for Legislation

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