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Dear Ms. Clayton:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Michael Leavitt, in support of the final rule providing for the new prescription drug information labeling format that published in the *Federal Register* on January 24, 2006. Your letter and similar ones have been forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Both HHS and FDA remain confident that this new rule, which is effective June 30, 2006, will help ensure safe and optimal use of prescription drugs and biological products.

Your letter has been forwarded to FDA's Division of Dockets Management to be made a part of the official docket for this rulemaking (Dkt. No. 2000N-1269).

Thank you very much for taking the time to write on this very important public health issue.

Sincerely,

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