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To whom it may concern:

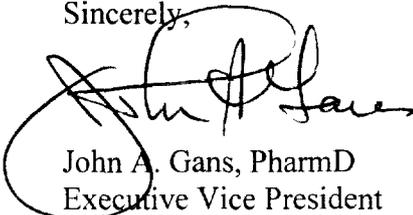
This correspondence will serve as written notice of participation in the June 28 and June 29 public hearing about the Food and Drug Administration's approach to regulating over-the-counter (OTC) drug products.

A pharmacist member with expertise in the use of OTC products will present the position of the American Pharmaceutical Association, the national professional society of pharmacists, representing the third largest health care profession of more than 200,000 pharmacists. Correspondence on this issue should be directed to the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA), 2215 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-2985. Telephone access: 202-429-7533.

We request approximately 15 minutes to present information related to the pharmacist's perspective on over-the-counter drug product regulation, specifically the issue of the transition of products from prescription-only to OTC status. As the health care professional responsible for helping consumers make the best use of medications—and the most accessible health care professional—pharmacists play an essential role in assuring the appropriate use of OTC products.

Please contact Susan C. Winckler, APhA's Group Director of Policy and Advocacy, with any questions about this request. She may be reached at 202-429-7533 or [scw@mail.aphanet.org](mailto:scw@mail.aphanet.org).

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