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Mr. Philip L. Chao
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5600 Fishers Lane
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Dear Mr. Chao:

The American Academy of Pediatrics is eager to submit public comments to the proposed rule: Bar Code Label Requirement For Human Drug Products and Blood (Docket No. 02N-0204). We believe it is critical for the Food and Drug Administration to consider the impact of these regulations on the pediatric population. Unfortunately, competing deadlines have prevented AAP from completing the comments prior to the June 12, 2003 deadline.

AAP is requesting an extension of the deadline until July 3, 2003. This three-week time period will allow AAP to circulate our comments to pediatric experts in order to provide a thorough perspective on how these important regulations impact infants, children and adolescents.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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