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Room 1-23
Rockville, MD 20857

I am writing to support Docket Number 97N-0217 which would increase the availability of approved animal drugs for minor species and minor uses. Furthermore, I would like to stress my support of the comments submitted on behalf of the National Aquaculture Association (NAA) regarding Docket Number 97N-0217.

Despite the dramatic and welcome growth of the aquaculture industry in my region of the country, without the changes you are proposing the aquaculture industry will continue to face difficulties accessing appropriate drugs. It is important to maintain high, scientifically-based food safety standards. It is also imperative that we allow entrepreneurs such as these fish farmers all the needed tools to compete in the global marketplace.

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments on these proposals. Please do not hesitate to call on me or my staff if we can be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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