

## Message from the FDA Commissioner



I am pleased to present the Administration's FY 2014 budget request for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This budget will enable FDA to sustain and expand its mission of protecting and promoting the health and well-being of the American people, in the face of dramatic scientific advancements and market-based changes—from personalized medicine and nanotechnology to the globalization of our food and medical product supplies.

**FDA plays a vital role in the health of our citizens and our regulated industries.** FDA oversees the safety of most of America's food supply, the safety and effectiveness of drugs, biologics, and medical devices, the purity of the blood supply, the development of medical countermeasures, the safety of animal feed as well as the safety and effectiveness of drugs for use in livestock, pets, and other animals, cosmetics, dietary supplements, and most recently, reducing harm from tobacco use. Together, the products we regulate represent over 20 cents of every consumer dollar spent on products in the United States.

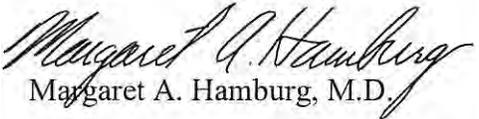
**FDA is a good bargain – we have used your investments wisely, delivering results that help Americans every day.** We carry out our broad public health responsibilities effectively and with few taxpayer dollars. Their return on investment is high: they get assurance that the food they serve their families every day is safe to eat, access to life-saving medicines fast or faster than anywhere in the world, and confidence that the medical products they rely on, from toothpaste to cancer drugs to artificial organs, will provide the health benefits they expect. As all of our budgets are tightened, we are doing our part to target program and infrastructure spending to maximize the impact of every dollar, and to find savings where we can.

**Even as FDA continues to safeguard America's food and medical products effectively and efficiently, our job has become increasingly demanding.** The science we need to do our job effectively is evolving at a dizzying pace, and the supply chains we oversee continue to grow in scope and complexity. Congress has continued to expand our responsibilities through new legislation. In the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and the FDA Safety and Innovation Act (FDASIA), Congress has charged us with significant new responsibilities: (1) to modernize this nation's food safety system and improve the safety of imported food; and (2) to bring innovative medical products swiftly to the American people and strengthen protection of the global drug supply chain. We are mindful that we are your partners in carrying out these policies

**FDA's FY2014 Budget.** In the attached budget, we are seeking targeted increases to fulfill our end of the partnership and deliver on the promise of FSMA and FDASIA for the American people. The budget request is \$4.7 billion, an increase of \$821 million, or 21 percent, over FY 2012. The budget includes investments to (1) accelerate implementation of FSMA, (2) modernize regulatory science and support implementation of FDASIA, in part through the new laboratory at White Oak and upgrades to other facilities, and (3) to strengthen FDA's global oversight capacity and enhance trade with China, by improving the safety of foods and medical products imported into the United States. It also includes public health activities to decrease initiation of tobacco use and encourage cessation, and work to advance medical counter measures. In addition, the

enactment of FDASIA reauthorized and established new users fee programs that will advance the safety of the nation's drug and medical products supply. With these funds, we will be better positioned to spend our resources more effectively by preventing food contamination (rather than just responding after it occurs), and by actively supporting industry efforts to innovate products that benefit Americans' health.

We look forward to working with you as we build the foundations of a modern, global-facing, science-based public health agency, and continue to transform FDA for the new century.

  
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